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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Circulation of Monthly Summary of principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministries/Departments to the Cabinet for the month of October and November, 2020 in respect of the Department of Fisheries--Reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Cabinet Secretariat's O.M. No. 1/26/1/2018-Cab dated 19th August, 2019 on the above subject and to circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the months of October and November, 2020 containing principal activities undertaken, important decision taken and progress of action taken on the decisions of the Cabinet/ Cabinet Committees for your kind information. The details are enclosed.

Encl: *As above*


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All Members of Council of Ministers

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- 1) The Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 (Kind Attn to: Shri Bhaskar Dasgupta, Director).
- 2) The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
- 3) The Secretary to the President, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
- 4) The Secretary to the Vice-President, 6, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi
- 5) The Press Information Officer, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
- 6) The Secretaries, all Ministries/Departments of Government of India
- 7) The Adviser, Agriculture Vertical, NITI Aayog, NITI Bhawan, New Delhi.

Copy for information to:

- 1) PS to Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
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- 3) PPS to Secretary, Department of Fisheries
- 4) PPS to AS&FA
- 5) PPS to JSs, Department of Fisheries
- 6) Technical Director, NIC, DOF with a request to upload the enclosed document in the Departmental website.

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Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of October, 2020 in Department of Fisheries

- 1) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired the meeting with the senior officers of the Department of Fisheries on various issues related to fisheries held on 05.10.2020 and 20.10.2020 such as (i) progress of several initiatives and grounding of PMMSY components ; (ii) Preparatory work for the World Fisheries Day-2020 held on 21st November, 2020; (iii) preparation of 20 Nos mission mode projects under PMMSY (iv) Implementation of the ICT/ MIS system in on-going schemes and (v) rollout of World Bank Project in Fisheries sector, etc.
- 2) Secretary (Fisheries) interacted with Palladium Consulting India Pvt. Ltd. through Video Conferencing along with both Joint Secretaries (Inland/ Marine Fisheries) to build/plan the roadmap on smooth implementation flagship programmes of PMMSY scheme on 5th October, 2020.
- 3) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired review Meetings on 05.10.2020 and 20.10.2020 specifically on project implementation under PMMSY, Status of proposal of Various States/ UTs, monitoring and evaluations of projects, resources specific issues, opportunities, future roadmaps etc.
- 4) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a meeting with representative of World Bank along with both Joint Secretaries (Inland/ Marine Fisheries) & other officials of the Department to review the progress of the proposed World Bank Project related to Fisheries & Aquaculture in India 13th October, 2020.
- 5) Secretary (Fisheries) joined as a Chief Guest an e-Conference as part of India International Food & Agriculture Week 2020 on “Sustainable, Technology Led & responsible development of Fisheries Sector-the Next Level of Growth” which was organized by Confederation of Indian Industries on 19th October, 2020.
- 6) Secretary (Fisheries) attended a meeting taken by Advisor to Hon’ble Prime Minister on strategy for institutionalizing & ensuring field level convergence of schemes of Fisheries with Agriculture, ICAR, Animal husbandry, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj schemes and programs for effective implementation and outreach on 22nd October, 2020.
- 7) Secretary (Fisheries) met with Vice Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Director General Naval Operations on 22nd October, 2020 to discuss Maritime Security Issues and Availability of Technology at an affordable price for Fishermen/ Fish Farmers for achieving sustainable harvesting oceanic fisheries resources under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- 8) First meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee for Promotion and Development of Seaweed Farming and Value Chain was held on 23rd October, 2020 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries), wherein officers from central organizations viz; CSMCRI, DST, CMFRI, NIOT and CIFT besides sea-weed experts and entrepreneurs.
- 9) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired the 38th Meeting of Executive Committee of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and reviewed various issues pertains to the NFDB including implementation progress of PMMSY & FIDF schemes, along with both Joint Secretaries (Marine & Inland Fisheries) on 26th October, 2020.
- 10) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a meeting through video conferencing with the successful start-up Licious group on 28th October, 2020 to explore opportunities for collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, establish roadmaps for possible future engagements

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& explore projects for strengthening the post-harvest, Value Chain under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for development of the Fisheries Sector in the country.

- 11) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a meeting on E-Production Advisory & Solution (NPC-e-Pass) with DG, National Productivity Council of India along with Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) & other key officials of the Department of Fisheries on 29th October, 2020. A meeting with Senior Director & Centre Head, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) for discussing (Applications of Electronics & ICT applications in Fisheries) was also chaired by me along with JS (Inland Fisheries) & other key officials on that day.
- 12) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a virtual review meeting with the Secretaries/Commissioners of Fisheries from the all the States/UTs along with Joint secretaries (Marine/Inland Fisheries) on 28th & 29th October, 2020 to review the implementation of PMMSY, Utilization Certificates of previous years, Establishment of Brood Bank facilities, FFPOs in States/UTs, IOTC, WTO & other matters related to Marine Fisheries.
- 13) Vigilance Awareness Week-2020 was celebrated from 27th October to 2nd November, 2020. During the said week Integrity Pledge was taken by all officers and officials followed with the conducting the various Quiz and Debate competition on Vigilance awareness.

14) Fisheries Institutes

(i) National Fisheries Development Board:

- The seventh meeting of the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) headed by Chief Executive, NFDB was held on 12th October, 2020. PAC recommended the PMMSY project proposals of 6 States/UTs namely Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, J&K, Telangana & Himachal Pradesh with financial outlay of Rs 428.18 crores for sanctioning by DoF, GOI.
- Shri. G. Rathinaraj, Executive Director (Tech) from NFDB participated in the Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia and the Pacific (NEDAC) online General Assembly Session and Executive Committee (2021-2022) Meeting on 17th October, 2020.
- Chief Executive, NFDB chaired a Video Conference on 19th October, 2020 with State Level Bankers Committee Conveners, State Fisheries Officials of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, J&K, Haryana & Maharashtra and NABARD representatives to take Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Funds (FIDF) Scheme forward.
- NFDB organized an online Lecture to students of Fisheries Science of Annamalai University as part of their Experimental Learning Programme. Shri. G. Rathinaraj, Executive Director (Tech) from NFDB gave the online presentation on RAS & Bio-floc Technology in Aquaculture and FIDF schemes to the studentson 21st October, 2020.

(ii) Fishery Survey of India (FSI):-

- The 4 vessels namely M.V Sagarika, MFV MatsyaDrusthi, MFV Shikari and MFV. Darshini which are attached to the institute sailed their voyages to conduct the exploratory survey work for Ocenic resources in and around of Indian EEZ.

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- Dr. L. Ramalingam. Director General (I/C) and Shri A. Siva, Senior Scientific Assistant attended the Video conference with the Technical Committee and Data Preparatory Group et' IOTC (FSI, DoF and CMFRI, ICAR) on "IOTC'- Compliance report - CoC17-2020" held on 02.10.2020.
 - Shri D. K. Gulati. ZotialDirecti>r from Miiinbai Base .of FSI, Dr. H. D. Pradeep, Fisheries Scientist from Morirugao Base of FSI and Dr. A. Kar, Fisheries Scientist from Visakhapatnam Base of FSI attended the IOTCs 11thworking: Party on Methods (WOM-11) on 14.10.2020
- (iii) **The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical & Engineering Training (CIFNET)-** During October 2020, the institute continued the training program through online classes for the students of regular courses BFSc (NS) degree course and NCVT trade courses, the Vessel navigator course (VNC) and Marine Fitter course (MFC) though online platforms such as Cisco Webex,Google meet, Zoom etc, as per the planned time table. The online classes were conducted both by CIFNET headquarters and units at Chennai and Visakhapatnam. The vessels M.V Skipper II and M.V. Tharangini attached to the institute sailed their voyages.
- (iv) **The National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT)-**NIFPHATT had processed about 16 tonnes raw fishes and about 13 tones fisheries products produced during the month of October, 2020. The institutes also achieved86 trainee days to fishermen on the processing and value addition of fisheries product in this month.
- (v) **Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF)-**CICEF carried out Technical Evaluation of the proposed development of fishery harbour at Arcottuthurai in Nagapattinam district of Tamilnadu at an estimated cost of Rs . 15,000.00 lakhs to be funded under FIDF. The proposed harbour envisages providing fish landing and berthing facilities for a design fleet size of 440 numbers of fishing vessels comprising of 10 metre FRP boats of 376 nos, 17 metre trawler of 64 nos . The project would provide employment to 1,500 persons in shore-based establishments in addition to 1,576 sea-going fishermen, apart from the indirect benefits that would accrue as a result of developmental efforts.
- (vi) **Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA):** The Inspection Committee of CAA inspected 5 hatcheries located at Tamil Nadu. Totally 137 applications for shrimp farming received from DLC/SLC of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha for new Registration and Renewal of Registration during the month of October, 2020. The organisation also processed 44nos applications from 15 Companies of Aqua Input Manufacturers and distributors for issuance of Certificate of Standards for Antibiotic Free In puts.

15) Fisheries International Cooperation/Trade

- (i) An interaction was held through video conferencing with GIZ-GmbHCore Group on a new Bilateral Indo-German Technical Cooperation Project & proposal for integrated Aquaculture Development along with- JS (Marine Fisheries) on 8thOctober, 2020for sustainable Aquaculture.
- (ii) I participated as an invited panellist in Food and Aquaculture Organisation (FAO) Committee on World Food Security (WFS) 47 Partner Event: Building Forward Better

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with Aquatic Foods on 14th October, 2020.

- (iii) The Embassy of India, Rome organized a high level virtual meeting on collaboration in the fisheries sector involving government officials as well as representatives of the major stakeholders from India and Italy on 14th October, 2020. The objective of the meeting was to explore opportunities to boost cooperation in a sector which is of prime importance to both countries. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Ambassador Dr. Neena Malhotra and delegates/ Participants to the meeting from the Italian and India side were present.

16) Public Grievances

The grievance disposals under the CPGRAMS portal for the Department of Fisheries was 96 % till 31st October, 2020.

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Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of November, 2020 in Department of Fisheries.

- 1) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired the Senior Officers' Meetings of the Department of Fisheries on 06.11.2020 and 24.11.2020 to review the various issues such as (i) grounding and implementation of the projects sanctioned under PMMSY; (ii) Preparatory work for the Upcoming World Fisheries Day-2020 on 21st November, 2020; (iii) finalization of sub-sector specific action plans; (iv) Implementation of the ICT/ MIS system in on-going schemes and (v) rollout of World Bank Project in Fisheries sector, etc.
- 2) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a virtual Meeting on the National Plan of Action for Conservation and Management of Sharks (NPOA- Sharks) with the Bay of Bengal Programme-Inter Government Organisation (BoBP-IGO) and Fishery Survey of India (FSI) alongwith Joint secretary (Marine Fisheries) and other technical officials of the Department on 3rd November, 2020.
- 3) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired weekly-review Meetings (every Monday) on implementation of projects under PMMSY, Status of proposal of Various States/ UTs, monitoring and evaluations of projects, timely release of funds, and status of focused programme on Seaweeds, Ornamental Fisheries and pearl culture.
- 4) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a meeting with representative of World Bank along with both Joint Secretaries (Inland/ Marine Fisheries) & other officials of the Department to review the progress of the proposed World Bank Project related to Fisheries & Aquaculture in India on 4th November, 2020 & 12th November, 2020.
- 5) A meeting with Ms. Alka Upadhyaya, Additional Secretary (RD) was held on 9th November, 2020 regarding Sea Weed Farming in convergence mode with Ministry of Rural Development.
- 6) On 10th November, 2020, Secretary (Fisheries) attended a meeting convened by the Advisor to Hon'ble Prime Minister on India's Blue Economy – a policy framework'. On the same day, along with both the Joint Secretaries, Secretary (Fisheries) also participated in the Pre-budget Meetings for finalization of RE 2020-21 and BE 2021-22 convened by Secretary Expenditure, Ministry of Finance to discuss the revised budget estimates.
- 7) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a virtual meeting on Nutrition and value addition of Fish products with Central Institute Fisheries Technology (CIFT- ICAR) and National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NAFPHAT) followed by a meeting with Sagarmala (Advisor) on convergence of Fishing Harbours Projects held on 11th November, 2020.
- 8) Secretary (Fisheries) participated in a Meeting of Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee (IMAC) – review the progress of implementation of PMFME Scheme held Under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Food Processing & Industry on 18th November, 2020.
- 9) The World Fisheries Day was celebrated on 21.11.2020 at A.P. Shinde Symposium Complex, Pusa, New Delhi by the Department of Fisheries. Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying presided over the event as Chief Guest. During the event, PMMSY dashboard and logo of PMMSY scheme were launched and 4 resources specific Action Plans of the Department of Fisheries, 5 books of Fishery Survey of India and six publications of NFDB "Recent Trends on Aquaculture" namely- Marine Fish Culture, Bio-floc Fish Culture, Re-circulatory Aquaculture System, Murrel Culture in Ponds, Trout Culture in Raceways,

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Trout Culture in Re-circulatory Aquaculture System were released. Various awards were distributed with cash prize in different categories Viz. Best State, Best District, Best Quasi Government Organization/ Federation/Corporation/Board, Cooperative Societies/FFPO/SHGs, Best Enterprise/Entrepreneurs, Best Fishers and Fish Farmers and Best Hatchery.

10) Secretary (Fisheries) along with all Staff members took pledge on the occasion of Constitution Day - Reading out the Preamble of constitution by his excellency President of India on 26th November, 2020.

11) Fisheries Institutes/ Organisations

(i) National Fisheries Development Board:

- NFDB funded project-1: CMFRI has completed successfully two fertile spawning programmes of cobia and obtained 1.8 million Yolk sac larvae. Also about 6,000 cobia fingerlings were supplied to the NFDB cage demonstration project farmers for the second crop amid Covid-19 situation. About 1,20,000 larvae are being reared.
- NFDB funded project-2: Juveniles of Silver Pompano (*Trachinotus blochii*) reared at the hatchery of Vizhinjam Regional Centre of ICAR-CMFRI packed in oxygenated packets and transported to the Govt. Fish farm of Kerala State Fisheries Department, Aayiramthengu as per the requirement from the cage farmers of Chirayinkeezhu and Ashtamudi area, juveniles of silver pompano were supplied.
- NFDB funded projects on Wetland Project by CIFRI: Fisheries Development in Kothia Maun, Bihar: Stock enhancement activity in the Kothia Maun wetland was successfully done with stocking of 855 kg carp seeds in the Maun including IMC and exotic carps (Common carp and Grass carp) seeds. Partial harvest was successfully completed and a total of 350 kg carp was harvested and marketed by the beneficiary group in the local market.
- A Video conference was held on 27-11-2020 on Fish Market Price Information System (FMPIS) with the state nodal officers to finalize the virtual training schedule for enumerators.

(ii) Fishery Survey of India (FSI):-

- Dr. L. Ramalingam, Director General (I/C) and Dr. Sijo P. Varghese, Zonal Director from Cochin Base of FSI attend the 24th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) held virtually during 2nd- 6th November, 2020.
- Dr. L. Ramalingam, Director General (I/C) attend the virtual meeting on "The national Plan of Action for Conservation and Management of Shark (NPOA-Shark) on 3rd November, 2020.
- Shri A. Siva and Shri Rahul Kumar, Senior Scientific Assistants from FSI (HQs) and Dr. Harshavardhan Joshi, Sr. Scientific Assistant from Mumbai Base of FSI attended online ITCO ocean course on "Fishery Oceanography for future professionals (Level: Basic, Batch -I) organised by INCOIS, Hyderabad during 16th - 20th November 2020.

(iii) Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical & Engineering Training (CIFNET)-

- CIFNET continued the training program through online classes for the students of regular courses BFSc (NS) degree course and NCVT trade courses, the Vessel navigator course (VNC) and Marine Fitter course (MFC) through online platforms such as Cisco Webex, Google meet, Zoom etc., as per the planned time table. The online classes were conducted both by CIFNET headquarters and units at Chennai and Visakhapatnam. The

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vessels M.V Skipper II and M.V. Tharangini attached to the institute sailed their voyages with an average of 12 days day out at Sea.

- The Half yearly Review meeting of CIFNET for the period April 2020 to September 2020 was conducted on 17.11.2020. The JCM meeting was also conducted on the same day. The meetings were conducted at CIFNET, Kochi by the Director CIFNET in which the CIFNET Units participated through video conference.
- iv) The National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT)- NIFPHATT had processed about 26 tonnes raw fishes & other products and about 20 tones fisheries products produced during the month of November, 2020. The institutes also conducted 140 trainee days to 16 fishermen on the processing and value addition of fisheries product during the month.
- v) Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF)- CICEF has finalized the layout drawing of new fishery jetty at Mallet Bunder in Maharashtra in consultation with Mumbai Port Trust. The new fishery jetty is designed for a fleet size of 1,286 number of fishing vessels comprising of 36 number of 14 metre trawler, 194 number of 16 metre trawler, 942 number of 18 metre trawler and 114 number of 20 metre trawler.
- vi) Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA): The Inspection Committee of CAA had inspected 18 hatcheries located at Andhra Pradesh. Totally 230 applications for shrimp farming received from DLCs/SLCs of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat and Odisha were processed for new/ renewal of registration during the month of November, 2020. The organisation also processed 11nos applications from 5 Companies of Aqua Input Manufacturers and distributors for issuance of Certificate of Standards for Antibiotic Free Inputs. The third meeting of Sub-committee on AQF constituted to review the operational expenditure being incurred by the AQF has been held on 17.11.2020 at the AQF premises at Neelankarai, Chennai. The report of the Subcommittee has been prepared and submitted to the Member Secretary on 25.11.2020.

12) Fisheries International Cooperation/Trade

- i. Dr. J Balaji, Joint Secretary, (Marine), Dr. Paul Pandian, FDC, Mr. I.A. Siddiqui, Deputy Commissioner (Fisheries) and Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Asst. Commissioner (Fisheries) attended the 24th Session of the IOTC (S24) held during 2nd November, 2020 to 6th November, 2020 through virtual mode.
- ii. Shri Mukesh, Director (Fishery statistics) and Dr. Nitin verma, Senior Technical Assistant (Fisheries) attended virtually the 16th Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS16) held during 30th November 2020 to 3rd December 2020.
- iii. Meeting Clusters of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on fisheries Subsidies was held from 2nd November and 24th November, 2020 in virtual mode. This was attended by officers of DoF along with the officers from DoC, PMI and CWTOS.
- iv. Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a meeting of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies in World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland held virtually on 18th November, 2019. The meeting was attended by Special Secretary, DoC; Joint Secretary (MF), DoF; Joint Secretary (TPD), DoC; Ambassador, PR, Counsellor, PMI; Jt. DGFT (TPD), DoC; Dy. DGFT (TPD), DoC, Prof Abhijit Das, CWTOS, Shri Mukesh Bhatnagar Professor, CWTOS; DC(Fy), DoF.
- v. Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a meeting with World Bank team on 4th November, 2020 to discuss the progress and future course of action in respect of the proposed World bank project on "Blue Revolution: Tranche -1: Response to COVID-19 and Recovery of Fisheries Sector,

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Tranche -2: Harnessing the Potential of Aquatic Resources to complement the PMMSY". The said meeting was attended by Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) and Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) from DoF side.

13) Public Grievances: The grievance disposals under the CPGRAMS portal for the Department of Fisheries was 94 % till 30thNovember, 2020.
