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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 December, 2020 and January, 2021 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 December, 2020 and January, 2021 containing principal activities undertaken, important decision taken and progress of action taken on the decisions of the Cabinet/ Cabinet Committees are enclosed for your kind information.

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
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- 6) Technical Director, NIC, DOF with a request to upload the enclosed document in the Departmental website.

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

- i. Secretary (Fisheries) chaired the Senior Officers meetings (SOM) and review meeting of PMMSY on each Friday and Monday respectively with the officials of the Department of Fisheries. The issues discussed and review inter-alia includes (i) progress of and grounding of PMMSY components; (ii) Micro-level strategic plan on sub-sector on fisheries such as Ornamental Fisheries and seaweed cultivation, Strengthening of quality seed plan. etc. (iii) Implementation of the ICT/ MIS system in on-going schemes and (iv) rollout of World Bank Project in Fisheries sector, etc.
- ii. Secretary (Fisheries) along with Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR co-chaired the webinar on mask scale outreach/awareness programme for dissemination of Fishery and Aquaculture Technology under PMMSY, which was attended by 650 Krishi Vigyan Kendra Programme coordination and subject matter specialized of fisheries along with the participants from ICAR, NFDB and Department of Fisheries on 3rd December, 2020.
- iii. 8th Meeting of Central Approval and Monitoring Committee of Fisheries and Infrastructure Development Fund was held on 14.12.2020 under Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland) wherein the project proposal from Government of Tamil Nadu and private entrepreneurs from Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur with total outlay of Rs. 171.32 crores were approved.
- iv. Secretary (Fisheries) attended the virtual meetings taken by Shri N.K. Singh, Chairman, Fifteenth Finance Commission on Role of the Prime Minister's Office in Governance" on 5th & 12th December, 2020.
- v. 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 9th December, 2020 to review the implementation of PMMSY, Utilization Certificates of previous years, Establishment of Brood Bank facilities, FFPOs in States/UTs, FIDF & other matters related to Marine Fisheries.
- vi. Secretary (Fisheries) participated in a meeting chaired by Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister through video conference on implementation of announcements made under AtmaNirbhar Bharat and on National Disease Control Program (NADCP) and Pradhan Mantri Matasya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) on 10th December, 2020.
- vii. Secretary (Fisheries) joined in a virtually discussion on co-financing for the World Bank assisted project on 'Response to COVID-19 and recovery of Fisheries Sector on 15th December, 2020 along with Joint Secretaries and officials of the Department.
- viii. Secretary (Fisheries) attended a Meeting with Pelamis Group and NITI Aayog on Deep Sea Fishing held on 17th December, 2020. I also chaired a Review meeting on Performance of Subordinate Fisheries Institutions under the Department of Fisheries viz, FSI, CIFNET, NIFPHATT and CICEF on the same day.
- ix. Secretary (Fisheries) joined the 2nd Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee (IMEC) Meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Food Processing Industry for Centrally Sponsored PM-Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises Scheme (PM-FME Scheme) for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.
- x. Secretary (Fisheries) attend virtual meeting with with Dr. Sejal Worah, Programme Director, World Wide Fund for Nature regarding sharing program on sustainable fisheries on 24th December, 2020. I also participated in an e-conference by UNI on "The Criticality of Transforming Fisheries Industry – Ushering in Digitization to support PMMSY" on the day.
- xi. The 1st Meeting of the Committee to review establishment and operation of Nucleus Breeding Centres (NBCs) and Brood stock Multiplication Centres (BMCs) in the country was held through video conferencing on 21st December, 2020 under the chairmanship of

Joint Secretary (Inland) and Joint Secretary (Marine), Department of Fisheries, Govt. of India. As per the decision taken in the meeting a draft Guidelines for the Operation and Maintenance of SPF Brood stock Production Facilities in India has been prepared and the same was circulated to the Members of the Committee.

- xii. Secretary (Fisheries) along with all officer and officials of the Department had taken pledge on the occasion of Swachhata Pakhwada during 16th-31st December, 2020. During this period the officers voluntarily participated in cleanness drive in and around of the office premises and nearby areas followed by essay and debate compilation.
- xiii. A Meeting was held between Shri Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Shir Mansukhbhai Mandabhaia, Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways to discuss the action plan/way forward for the development of harbours/fish landing centres in convergence with Sagarmala & PMMSY construction of deep sea fishing vessels on 31st December, 2020.
- xiv. The project proposals to the tune of Rs.251.78 crores from 3 States namely Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Rajasthan involving central share of Rs.81.06 crore have been approved and 1st instalment of Central share of Rs.40.50crore have been released under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme.

xv. **Fisheries Institutes/ Organizations**

(a) **National Fisheries Development Board:**

- NFDB has sanctioned three projects to various Institutions Viz.(i) ICAR-CMFRI on “Recirculatory Aquaculture System for nursery rearing of marine finfish: Development and Demonstration” for an amount of Rs.49.94 lakhs for a period of 2 years (2020-21 to 2021-22) for evaluating the economic performance of nursery rearing of marine fin fish in RAS and transfer of technology on nursery rearing of Indian pompano and Orange spotted grouper in RAS to entrepreneurs; (ii) ICAR-CMFRI project on Cage Culture Demonstration of Indian Pompano (*Trachinotusmookalee*) in Chandipur, Odisha” has been sanctioned for an amount of Rs.257.327 lakh for a period of 3 years (2020-21 to 2022-23) to disseminate the cage culture technology for Indian Pompano and to popularize the technology among fish farmers in coastal Odisha and (iii) College of Fisheries, Central Agriculture University, Lembucherra project on “Establishment of Medium size Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS) at College of Fisheries, CAU, Lembucherra” has been sanctioned for an amount of Rs.50 lakhs for 1 year in order to solve location specific constraints and conducting extension activities for the benefit of farmers, educated youths and prospective/potential aqua-preneurs of the NE region.
- NFDB funded projects-2: Juveniles of Silver Pompano (*Trachinotusblochii*) 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 Chirayainkeezhu and Ashtamudiarea, juveniles of silver pompano were supplied.
- Under the NFDB sponsored “Kerala-Karnataka Cage Culture” project Christmas Live fish market was inaugurated for cage farmed fishes at Kochi by NFDB &CMFRI Jointly “open water project” beneficiaries. A Smart step to ensure quality and hygienic fish to the consumers.
- NFDB sponsored project entitled “Silver Pompano Broodbank-Vizhinjam, Kerala” project has been breaded successfully in Indian Pompano by CMFRI. The produced eggs were in good condition. Silver Pompano broodbank are continuing the supply of Silver Pompano yolk sac to Hatcheries on demand. On 23rd Dec, 2020, they supplied 2.5 lakhs egg to Azhikode Hatchery, Kerala.

(b) **Fishery Survey of India (FSI):-**

- The 6 vessels namely MFV Matsya Sagarika, MFV Matsya Drusthi, MFV Matsya Shikari, MFV Matsya, MFV Matsya Darshini and MFV Samudrika which are attached to the various Zonal bases of the institute sailed their voyages to conduct the exploratory survey work for Oceanic resources in and around of Indian EEZ.
- Dr. Ansuman Das, Fisheries Scientist and Shri Mumbai and Dr. A. B. Kar, Fisheries Scientist M. Raut, Programmer from FSI (HQs), Visakhapatnam Base of FSI attended the virtual 16th IOTC meeting of the working party on 'Data collection and Statistics, held during 30th November 2020 to 3rd December 2020
- Dr. Vinod kumar Mudumala, Sr. Fisheries Scientist from FSI (Hqs), Mumbai and Dr. Sijo P. Varghese' Zonal Director and Dr. S. Ramachandran, Sr. Fisheries Scientist from Cochi bas of FSI attended the virtual 23rd Scientific committee meeting of the IOTC during 7th – 11th December, 2020.
- Various scientists of FSI have co-author in the published a paper in a high Impact Journal "Acta Ichthyologica at Piscatoria". The paper entitled "New record of narrowbarrengo by, *Priolepisprofunda* (Actinopterygii: Perciformes: Gobiidae), from Indian waters" reports the first record of the narrowbarreefgoby from the Indian coast.

(c) **The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical & Engineering Training (CIFNET)-**

CIFNET continued the training program through online classes for the students of regular courses BSc (NS) degree course and NCVT trade courses, the Vessel navigator course (VNC) and Marine Fitter course (MFC) through online as well as regularclassroomclasses for VNC/MFC continued at CIFNET Unit, Visakhapatnam. The regular class room classes commenced from 28.12.2020 were conducted both by CIFNET headquarters and its units at Chennai and Visakhapatnam. The vessels M.V Skipper II, MV Pasiksani and M.V. Tharangini attached to the institute sailed their voyages with an average of 12 days day out at Sea.

(d) **The National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT)-**

NIFPHATT had processed about 17 tonnes raw fishes & other product and about 14 tones fisheries products produced during the month of December, 2020. The institutes also conducted 250 trainee days to 25 fishermen/women on the processing and value addition of fisheries product during the month.

(e) **Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF)-**

- Scrutinized and submitted comments on renovation and up-gradation proposal of Thoppumpady fishery harbour under Cochin Port Trust in Kerala to be funded under PMMSY.
- Scrutinized and submitted comments on the proposal of completion of balance work of Arthungal fishery harbour in Kerala to be funded under FIDF.
- Analysis and design work carried out for RC piled quay structure for the development of fishery harbour at Gopalpur, Odisha.

(f) **Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA):**

- The Inspection Committee of CAA had inspected 20shrimp/ fin fish hatcheriesfor establishment of new & renewal of existing located at Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu States. Totally 192 applications for shrimp farming receivedfrom DLCs/SLCs of

Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat and Odisha were processed for new/ renewal of registration during the month of December, 2020.

- The organisation also processed 28nos applications from 11 Companies of Aqua Input Manufacturers and distributors for issuance of Certificate of Standards for Antibiotic Free Inputs.
- CAA officials visited 133 farms located at Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu & conducted Four awareness programmes with 300 farmers in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu to make aware of the Act and Regulations of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority, Good Aquaculture Practices (GAQP) to carryout coastal aquaculture sustainably and about registration requirements for *L. vannamei* farming, the safety measures to be followed while undertaking *L. vannamei* farming and the impact of usage of Antibiotic in Aquaculture.

xvi. Fisheries International Cooperation/Trade

- Secretary (Fisheries) attend the Digital High Level Conference on “International Declaration against transitional organized crime in global fishery industry” (Copenhagen Declaration) Blue Justice held on 10th December, 2020 hosted by Norway.
- 23rd Scientific Committee meeting of IOTC held from 7th to 11th December, 2020 on virtual mode was attended by Dr. Paul Pandian, FDC and Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Asst. Commissioner (Fisheries) from DoF.
- Secretary (Fisheries) Co-chaired the Fourth Meeting of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Working Group on Fisheries on the Indian side held on 30th December through virtual mode. The other members of the Indian delegation included senior representatives from the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Tamil Nadu, Government of Puducherry, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard. The meeting covered the entire gamut of issues related to fishermen and fishing boats which have been on the agenda of bilateral discussions between India and Sri Lanka for many years.
- The Country Director of French Development Agency (AFD) and World Bank Representative had a meeting with me on 15th December, 2020 through Video Conference to discuss the matter relating to co-financing for the World Bank assisted project on 'Response to COVID-19 and Recovery of Fisheries Sector'. Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) and Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) attended the same.

xvii. Public Grievances

The grievance disposals under the CPGRAMS portal for the Department of Fisheries was 93% till 31st December, 2020.

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of January, 2021 in Department of Fisheries.

- i. The Senior Officers' Meeting (SOMs) was held on 15.01.2021 alongwith PMMSY review meeting on each Monday by the Secretary (Fisheries) to review implementation of the flagship scheme PMMSY including (i) progress of initiatives and grounding of PMMSY components; (ii) Micro-level strategic planning on sub-sectors like Ornamental Fisheries and seaweed cultivation, fish seed supply plan, and (iii) rollout of World Bank Project in Fisheries sector, etc.
- ii. The Secretary (Fisheries) participated in a virtual meeting chaired by Cabinet Secretary regarding minimizing regulatory compliance burden on citizen services through streamlining citizen interface on 7th January, 2021.
- iii. A review meeting with the Secretaries/Commissioners of Fisheries of the States/UTs was held by the then Secretary (Fisheries) to review the implementation of PMMSY, establishment of Brood Bank facilities, FFPOs in States/UTs, FIDF etc. Further, he also chaired the 3rd Central Apex Committee (CAC) meeting for approval of the project proposals received under Central Sector component of PMMSY on 12th January, 2021.
- iv. A meeting of Working Group of Ministers on Skill Development and Employment Generation held on 13th January, 2021 under the chairmanship of Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment was attended by the Secretary (Fisheries). He also attended a meeting on "Progress made in convergence of schemes of Agriculture and allied Sectors, implementation of *Atmanirbhar Bharat* announcements and Flagship programmes", chaired by the Advisor to Prime Minister on 20th January, 2021 through Video Conference.
- v. Sri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, laid the foundation stone of the project on promotion and scaling up of Open Sea Cage Culture at Balasore coast, Odisha on 10th January, 2021. Chief Executive, NFDB and both the Joint Secretaries from the Department were present in the event. Subsequently, Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Sarangi inaugurated a training-cum-awareness program on Fisheries and Aquaculture with special focus on PMMSY was organised jointly by Department of Fisheries, Govt of India, National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad and Department of Fisheries, Govt of Odisha on 11-01-2021 for the benefit of the fish farmers of Odisha state. During the program all the 30 District Fisheries Officers of Govt. of Odisha along with 50 farmers each (1500 farmers), all the 07 Krishi Vigyan Kendra with 30 farmers each (210 farmers), 650 farmers enrolled under Aqua One Centres (Funded by NFDB), more than 1000 Shrimp farmers, Farmers and hatchery operators of Odisha, CIFA scientists and technical personnel etc. participated in the webinar.
- vi. Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Giriraj Singh laid the foundation stone for establishment of Aquatic Animal Quarantine Unit (AAQU) and Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (DDL) at Padappai, Chennai on 21st January, 2021. The aquatic quarantine facility would play a major role to safeguard of farming sector from the ingress of diseases and to minimize the risk associated with the introduction of live aquatic animals. Hon'ble Minister also attended various programmes organised by Coastal Aquaculture Authority(CAA), Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture(CIBA), Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Central Salt & Marine Chemicals Research Institute (CSMCRI) and Tamil Nadu State Fisheries Department during his visit from 20th to 24th January, 2021.
- vii. The Secretary (Fisheries) participated in the First International webinar on Entrepreneurship Development in Seaweed Business by cooperatives held on 28th January, 2021 alongwith both Joint Secretaries and other technical officers from the Department. Further, He also participated in the meeting under the chairmanship of Principal Advisor to PM to discuss the Draft Cabinet Note on Enactment of Marine Aids to Navigation Bill, 2020 and introduction of New Inland vessels Bill, 2020 in Parliament to replace the existing Inland Vessels Act, 1917.

- viii. The Secretary, Fisheries addressed the fishers/fish farmers of Uttar Pradesh virtually and inaugurated various projects supported under Blue Revolution Scheme such as RAS, Cages for fish culture, Small Feed Mill, Fisherman House. Auto Rickshaw with Ice Box, Boat with net and solar power aqua culture system and also grounding of PMMSY in Uttar Pradesh held on 29th January, 2021 forenoon.
- ix. The project proposals to the tune of Rs. 56.65 crore comprising of 12 projects from various ICAR- Research Institutions, Universities, State Governments received under Central Sector Component were approved by Central Apex Committee of PMMSY on 12th Jan., 2021 and additional CSS proposals of Nagaland and Mizoram to the tune of Rs.34.13 Crore have been approved on 25th Jan., 2021 PMMSY scheme.

x. Fisheries Institutes/ Organisations

(a) National Fisheries Development Board:

- A Video conference was conducted on 13th August, 2020 chaired by Chief Executive, NFDB with Joint Secretary(IF), and other Senior officials from NABARD, CICEF, State Govt. officials of Department of Fisheries from Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, W.B., Tamil Nadu and Private Beneficiaries from A.P., J&K, Telangana and U.P. to review the status of the projects and the difficulties in sanction of loan under FIDF to the individual beneficiaries by the Scheduled banks and also sanction the financial releases from NABARD for the state-oriented projects.
- A training-cum-awareness programme on PMMSY scheme was conducted by NFDB for 14 Co-operatives from Rangareddy and Mancherial Districts of Telangana on 18.01.2021 at NFDB headquarters Hyderabad.
- NFDB organized virtual training programme on Fish Market Price Information System (FMPIS) project for newly selected enumerators from Tamil Nadu, Nagaland and Telangana State. The Nodal officers and Enumerators from these States were trained for entering the fish prices data in the FMPIS app.
- CSMCRI and NFDB jointly organized an awareness programme while launching the Livelihood Project on seaweed cultivation by Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries in Tamil Nadu 23rd January, 2021 at Mandapam, Tamil Nadu. The programme was attended by 500 participants, representatives of 15 enterprises and 50 government officials.

b) Fishery Survey of India (FSI):-

- Five vessels namely MFV Matsya Sagarika, MFV Matsya Shikari, MFV Matsya Darshini, MFV Lavanika and MFV Samudrika are attached to various Zonal Bases of the FSI sailed their voyages to conduct the exploratory survey work for Oceanic resources in and around of Indian EEZ.
- Dr. Mahesh Kumar Farejiya, Dy. Director General (Engineering) attended 15th meeting for monitoring and review of implementation of IOTC resolutions under the chairmanship of the Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) through video conferencing on 18-01-2021.
- Two Scientific Research Paper entitled "Novel records of three remoras from Andaman and Nicobar waters, India" and "Saddleback syndrome in wild black pomfret *Parastro mateusniger* (Bloch, 1795), from Southeast coast of India" were published in reputed International Journals by the Scientists of the Institution.

c) The 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 as well as regular classroom classes for VNC/MFC. The regular class room classes commenced from 28.1.2021 were conducted by CIFNET headquarters and its units at Chennai and Visakhapatnam.

- Short term course (10 days) were conducted under PMMSY on "Training program to Engine driver in Operations and maintenance of marine Engines and sea safety measures "at various Units of CIFNET at Kochi, Chennai and Visakhapatnam.
- Fishermen awareness training programme under PMMSY on "Basic Seamanship, Navigation and Marine Electronic Equipments "at CIFNET, Vishakapatnam from 04th Jan.,2021 to 06th Jan., 2021 for 39 fishermen from Andhra Pradesh were participated in the said training programme.
- Fishermen awareness training programme conducted under PMMSY on "Maintenance of Boat Engines & Fishing Practice" for 3 days from 27th Jan., 2021 to 29th Jan., 2021 for 22 fishermen at CIFNET Unit, Vizag

d) **The National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT)-**

- NIFPHATT had processed about 13 tonnes raw fishes and other fisheries products and about 10.5 tones fisheries products produced during the month of January, 2021. The institutes also conducted 291 trainee days to 51 fishermen/ women on the processing and value addition of fisheries product during the month.

e) **Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF)-**

- Pre-feasibility study has been undertaken at the seventeen Landing Centre Sites Viz. Ekdara, Theronda, Varsoli, Navadar-navgaon, Kelvane, Vashini-Dadar, Aware, Digode, Surkicha Pada, Danda, Mora, Hanuman- Koliwada, Ghavan, Nhava, Kopra Shivaji Nagar, Morave and Ulwa-Mohain Raigad district of the Maharashtra for construction of Fishing Harbours/ Fish Landing Centres in the State.

f) **Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA):**

- The Inspection Committee of CAA had inspected 20 shrimp/ finfish hatcheries for establishment of new and renewal of existing located in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu States. Totally 267 applications for shrimp farming received from DLCs/SLCs of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, were processed for new/ renewal of registration during the month of January, 2021.
- A total of 47 applications from 15 companies of Aqua Input Manufacturers were processed for issuance of Certificate of Standards for Antibiotic Free Inputs in Aquaculture.

xi. **Fisheries International Cooperation/Trade**

- A joint meeting of World Bank, KfW (a German State owned Development Bank) and Department of Fisheries was held on 5th January 2021 to discuss KfW as co- financer for proposed World Bank Projects on response to Covid 19 and recovery of fisheries sector.
- Department of Fisheries has confirmed the participation of India as Lead Participating Country (LPC) in the GloLitter Partnership (GLP) Project, which is being jointly implemented by the FAO and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

xii. **Public Grievances:** The grievance disposals under the CPGRAMS portal for the Department of Fisheries stood at 95% till 31st January, 2021.
