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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Fisheries

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OFFICE MEMORANDAM

Subject: Circulation of Monthly Summary of principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministries/ Departments to the Cabinet for the month of April, 2023 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 mentioned subject and circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the month of April, 2023 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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To

All Members of Council of Ministers

Copy to

- 1) The Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 (Kind attention 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, Minister 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
- 2) PS to Hon'ble MoSs for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- 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 Department website.

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of April, 2023 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

1. CAA amendment Bill 2023 was introduced on the floor of Lok Sabha on 5th April, 2023. The amendment bill seeks to remove the ambiguities in the Act, to harmonize the CAA Act with CRZ regulations, to expand the scope of coastal aquaculture, to decriminalize the Act and to promote ease-of-doing business.
2. Hon'ble Minister, MoFAH&D, Shri Parshottam Rupala reviewed the achievements and significant activities of the schemes and programmes being implemented by the Department of Fisheries on 18th April, 2023.
3. Hon'ble Minister of State, MoFAH&D, Dr. L. Murugan visited Nagaland on 21-22 April, 2023, reviewed Fishery related projects in Phek District, interacted with fish farmers and inaugurated various Fishery projects such as Backyard Ornamental Fish Rearing Units, Freshwater finfish hatcheries and small Re-circulatory Aquaculture System (RAS)/ Biofloc culture system in Dimapur, Paren and Kohima districts. He also visited Avakhung and Chesuzu village in Phek district on India-Myanmar border and interacted with people engaged in fisheries and animal husbandry activities.
4. Hon'ble Minister of State, MoFAH&D, Dr. L. Murugan visited Guwahati on 23rd April, 2023 and reviewed the progress and grounding of fisheries and aquaculture projects sanctioned for Assam under PMMSY.
5. Department took up the project of strengthening 2000 existing fisheries cooperatives and to develop them as FFPOs under PMMSY scheme at a cost of Rs. 440 crores and held discussions with implementing agencies, that is NCDC, SFAC and NAFED on 6th April, 2023 to finalize the strategies and action plan. This is expected to revive about 10% of existing fisheries cooperatives and to serve as a pilot to strengthen the entire fisheries cooperative sector including formation of new cooperatives.
6. Department participated in the meeting of State Maritime Security Coordinators (SMSCs) and Commissioners / Directors of Fisheries organized by NSCS at National Security Council Secretariat on 11th April, 2023 and explained the recent initiatives of the department such as technological solutions for tracking of fishing vessels, common SOPs for Fishing Harbours and Fish Landing Centres, issue of ID Cards for fishers, and development of common fisheries application for monitoring registration and movement of fishing vessels and their crew. The jurisdiction framework of various agencies working in maritime security landscape was also discussed.
7. The Department notified fishing ban for both western and eastern coasts for 61 days as part of the measures being taken to conserve and regenerate marine fishery resources. The ban period will run from 15th April to 14th June in East Coast and 1st June to 31st July in the West Coast.
8. 44th Executive Committee Meeting of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) was held on 24th April, 2023 and the activities undertaken by NFDB under PMMSY, FIDF schemes were reviewed. In addition, new research project initiatives taken up by NFDB were also discussed and approved.
9. First meeting of the Central Apex Monitoring Committee (CAMC) for Union Territories (UTs) held on 24th April 2023 to review the progress and implementation of the ongoing projects/ schemes in a time bound manner to ensure the optimum utilisation of the available fisheries and aquaculture resources by all the UTs and saturate PMMSY scheme benefits to all eligible beneficiaries in UTs.

10. 42nd Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) meeting was held on 13th April 2023 and recommended the proposals of the states of Telangana and Uttarakhand and 4 project proposals under Entrepreneur model with a total outlay of Rs. 20 crores for approval.
11. Outreach program was organized by the DoF, MoFAH&D and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) with support from the all States/UTs Fisheries Departments on 30th April 2023 through VC. In this outreach program more than 60,000 stakeholders including fishers, fish farmers, entrepreneurs etc. joined the outreach program on PMMSY and other schemes from 604 locations across the country. In addition, NFDB conducted 06 training and awareness activities and 53 outreach activities during the month of April-2023 covering 4,900 and 1,04,499 persons respectively.
12. Fisheries Development Commissioner, DoF, MoFAH&D attended the Fish Week from 25th to 28th April 2023 regarding Open-ended Negotiating Group on Rules (Fisheries Subsidies) held at World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland and contributed to the discussions.
13. During the month the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed 174 applications for registration and renewal of farms at Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and 91 applications for issue Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic free aqua inputs received from 23 Input Manufacturers.
14. The department initiated the process to develop the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and criteria for the empanelment of suppliers for import of SPF shrimp and scampi broodstock, Parent Post Larvae (PPL) of crustacean along with Artemia cysts from Acute Hepatopancreatic Necrosis Disease (AHPND) affected countries and constituted an expert group for this purpose.
15. The department approved the guidelines on health monitoring, disease surveillance and SPF certification of coastal aquaculture establishment and stocks in India. This is expected to streamline the process of biosecurity measures in coastal aquaculture units and reduce the risks of diseases.
16. Monthly review meeting of National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD) Phase-II was held on 27th April, 2023 through VC to review the progress of the programme including disease reported, expenditure etc.
17. Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) examined Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala prepared and submitted by National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras on construction of floating jetties at various Fishing Harbours/ Fish Landing Centres for appraisal to Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
18. The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) conducted 02 fishermen extension training programmes and 01 fishermen in-house training programme for 111 fishermen.
19. Four (4) fishing vessels of the Fishery Survey of India (FSI) sailed and conducted the exploratory survey programs for fisheries resources and marine mammal survey programme in and around of the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
20. The National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for 58 marine fisher women/ men comprising of 540 trainee days during the month.
21. Public Grievances: The Grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS Portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 96% as on 30th April, 2023.