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Department of Fisheries

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OFFICE MEMORANDAM

Subject: - Circulation of Monthly Summary of principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministers/ Departments to the Cabinet for the month of April, 2022 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, 2022 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

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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, 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.

Monthly Summary of important activities pertaining to the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying for the month of April, 2022

- 1) The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD), GoI has initiated the process of holding meets of the states and stakeholders on biannual basis and held the first Summer Meet for FAHD sectors on 19.04.2022 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Parshottam Rupala at Kevadia Gujarat. The meet was attended by Hon'ble Ministers of state (FAHD), Secretaries, Joint Secretaries and other officers of the Ministry, Hon'ble Ministers of various states/UTs, officials from states/UTs and scientists. The meet resulted in generation of a number of suggestions & ideas for holistic development of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fishery sectors across the country.
- 2) The Department organized various activities to create awareness about 75th year of Independence and about various steps and schemes taken up by Government of India for the fisheries sector under the week-long "Kisan Bhagidari Prathmikta Hamari" campaign from 25th to 30th April 2022 in association with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. Virtual awareness sessions were organized from 25th to 29th April 2022 in association with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) through common service centres across different zones of India i.e. North, East, South and West. Hon'ble Minister, Hon'ble Ministers of State, Secretary and other senior officers attended the sessions and interacted with the farmers from different States and encouraged them to avail benefits under various schemes sponsored by the Ministry. In the session various new technologies were showcased, successful models were presented and the strategies to overcome heatwave were discussed.
- 3) A National webinar on "Neoteric Techniques and Technologies in Fisheries and Aquaculture" was organized on 30th April, 2022. The said event was presided over by me and Joint Secretaries along with other officers attended the event. Dr. A. P. Sharma, former Director, ICAR-CIFRI and Dr. L. Narasimha Murthy, Senior Executive Director, (NFDB) gave detailed presentation on the topic and interacted proactively with more than 350 participants including fishers, farmers, entrepreneurs, officials scientists, students and stakeholders from aquaculture industry drawn from across the country participated in the event. An interactive session on success stories on aquaculture in different states was also conducted on the same platform to motivate farmers and entrepreneurs to embrace new technologies in aquaculture.
- 4) A project titled "Fisheries Sector COVID-19 Response and Recovery Project" at an outlay of Rs. 3,000 crores with assistance from World Bank and AFD was formulated as a sub-scheme under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and the final draft EFC memorandum was circulated to Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. This project will focus on finance inclusion, risk mitigation, promotion of micro enterprises and expansion of domestic market through safe marketing practices.
- 5) The Department finalized PPR of a project titled "Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture" with the objective of conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources, reduction in postharvest losses and stabilizing income of small fishers/fish farmers to be funded by a grant of 20.5 million Euros by KFW and sent the same to DEA on 05/04/2022 for approval. The project is proposed to be implemented in 6 states, (2 NER states, 2 coastal states and 2 inland states).
- 6) During the month the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed two (2) applications each for registration and renewal of registration of shrimp hatcheries, and thirty one (31)

applications from fifteen (15) companies of Aqua Input Manufacturers and distributors for issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic Free substances during April, 2022.

- 7) The 41st meeting of Executive Committee of NFDB was held on 22nd April, and proposals for establishment of Scampi (fresh water prawn) Brood Bank and for implementation of certification, Accreditation, traceability and labelling in Aquaculture sector in 7 target states were cleared. It is expected that establishment of scampi Brood bank will expand scampi production in the country and boost exports. Similarly the pilot project on certification & labelling will improve marketability and exports.
- 8) On 24.4.2022, "Fish Swad 2022" was organised by CIFE in collaboration with NFDB at CIFE, Mumbai. The program had fish cuisines from all over India on display and attracted participation of more than 600.
- 9) NFDB organised ninety four (94) Training and Awareness Programs covering 4515 persons and hundred (100) Outreach activities covering 7,863 persons.
- 10) Seven (7) fishing vessels attached with the Fishery Survey of India (FSI) sailed and conducted the exploratory survey programmes in and around of the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- 11) National Institute of Fisheries Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for sixty-one (61) marine fisher women/men comprising of four hundred and forty-six (446) trainee days during the month.
- 12) Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) conducted four (4) training programmes for marine fishermen apart from their regular course on Bachelor of Fisheries Science (B.F.Sc.) (Nautical Science) and Vessel Navigator Course (VNC)/ Marine Fitter Course (MFC) capacity building in deep sea fishing and on-board handling of Tuna, communication and navigational equipment on-board fishing vessels, defect rectification and maintenance of boats etc.
- 13) Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) initiated detailed studies on use of geotextiles and geotubes in coastal fisheries infrastructure such as breakwaters, training walls, harbours & landing centres and submitted the report. Department will pursue the issue further as use of geotubes can substantially reduce the cost of such structures & enable quick commissioning of the projects.
- 14) The Department organized an international workshop on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing held on 12th April, 2022 in virtual mode in collaboration with Singapore Food Agency (SFA) as a follow up to the decisions taken in the 14th East Asia Summit in 2019. The workshop was attended by 7 countries and the progress made so far and the best practices in curbing IUU fishing were showcased.
- 15) The department also participated in the 32nd Session of the G-16 Indian Ocean Coastal States Meeting held during 25th- 26th April 2022 at Malé, Maldives to finalize its strategy for the IOTC meeting to be held in May 2022.
- 16) Public Grievances: the grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 91% as on 30th April, 2022.
