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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 March, 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 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 on the above mentioned subject and circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the month of March, 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 March, 2022**

- 1) Department of Fisheries launched “Sagar Parikrama” program as part of “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” on 5th March 2022 with the objectives of creating awareness among fishers and other stakeholders on the need for sustainable fishing & on various schemes of Government of India for betterment of fishers, of making first-hand assessment of coastal fisheries infrastructure and of involving fishers in planning for integrated coastal area development. The program intends to cover the entire coastline and to have interactions with fishers in at least 75 locations. The first leg of the program started from Mandvi on 5th March 2022 and ended at Porbander on 6th March 2022 after covering 180 Kms in sea with a stopover at Okha. Hon’ble Minister (FAHD) and Hon’ble MoS (FAHD) participated in the program along with Ministers of the Gujarat State, local MPs and MLAs and other dignitaries. Meeting with local fishers and other stakeholders were held at each location and KCC cards and benefits under PMMSY were distributed. More than 4000 people attended the events.
- 2) Sanction was given and first instalment was released for modernization of central fishing harbours of Vizag, Chennai & Kochi at a total cost of Rs. 419 crores as part of fulfilment of budget announcements of 2021-22. Out of this Rs. 300 crores will be met by the Govt. of India and the rest will be mobilised through PPP mode. This is expected to reduce wastage and add value to the fish being landed.
- 3) In addition, a number of major infrastructure projects with an outlay of Rs. 366 crores on Centre-State sharing basis were sanctioned. This includes 2 fishing harbours, 12 fish landing centers & 2 wholesale markets.
- 4) Approval was given to the proposal of CIBA to develop improved breeds of indigenous shrimp “Penaeus Indicus” (Indian white shrimp) at a cost of Rs. 28.57 crores. this will improve self-reliance in the field of availability of quality shrimp seed to expand shrimp cultivation which is a major export earner.
- 5) Overall expenditure figures exceeded 97% of the budget allocation under PMMSY for the year 2021-22.
- 6) Seafood exports recovered from a marginal dip during 2020-21 on account of Covidrelated disruptions and reached on all time high of USD 7.74 bn in the year 2021-22 ending March 2022.
- 7) The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed six hundred and fifty-two (652) applications for registration, seventy-three (73) applications for renewal of registration of shrimp farm and fifty (50) applications from twelve (12) Companies of Aqua Input Manufacturers and distributors for issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic Free processed shrimp during March, 2022.
- 8) In order to facilitate Ease of Doing Business, CAA rules have been amended and notified. The significant improvements include further decentralization of the processing of Aquaculture Farm License applications to sub-division level, dispensing with the approvals to be done by State level committee, creation of online payment option and issue of digitally signed License Certificates.
- 9) 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). Two books and four informative posters on Indian marine fisheries of FSI were released by the Hon'ble Minister of FAHD on 6th March, 2022.

- 10) National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for sixty-four (64) marine fisher women/men comprising of three hundred and forty-four (344) trainee days during the month and processed thirteen (13) tonnes of raw fish and produced 8.5 tonnes value added products.
- 11) Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) conducted six (6) training programmes for marine fishermen on 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.
- 12) The Fifth Meeting of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Working Group (JWG) on Fisheries was held on 25th March, 2022 through virtual mode. The Indian delegation was led by me and Ms. R.M.I. Rathnayake, Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, Government of Sri Lanka from other side. The JWG discussed all relevant issues in detail including the concerns relating to fishermen and fishing boats, need to ensure sustainable fishing in Palk Bay, joint research to enhance the productivity of Palk Bay fisheries and to refrain from using Navy to intercept fishermen.
- 13) Public Grievances: the grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 94% as on 21st March, 2022.