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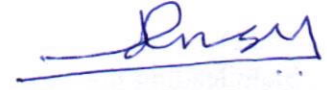
Chanderlok Building
1st Floor, 36, Janpath, New Delhi
Dated the 23rd November, 2022

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 October, 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 October, 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

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 October, 2022 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

1. During the month, projects with a total outlay of Rs. 1315.45 crores were approved for implementation. With this, the cumulative approval for the year 2022-23 reached Rs. 3761.25 crores against the target of Rs. 4000 crores.
2. 32nd and 33rd meetings of PAC of PMMSY was held and projects with a total outlay of Rs. 725 crores were appraised and recommended for approval including Annual Action Plans of Gujarat, Punjab, Meghalaya, Ladakh and Karnataka for the year 2022-23.
3. 9th meeting of CAC of PMMSY was held on 27/10/2022 where need based amendments to the guidelines governing important component such as cage culture, RAS & Sagar Mitras were approved. It is expected that the amendments will accelerate the pace of adoption of these new forms of aquaculture.
4. Formation of Artificial Reefs and taking up of Sea Ranching were included as sub-components of PMMSY with the objective of creating at least one reef per fishermen habitations. A target of 1200 artificial reefs at a cost of 372 crores and sea ranching at a cost of 28 crores was set for the year 2022-23. This is expected to significantly improve the output of small scale fisheries while reducing their operational costs.
5. The Department took up Special Campaign 2.0 during the month with Hon'ble Minister of State leading the campaign at Hyderabad & Chennai, by me at Vizag and by other Senior Officers in Kochi, Goa and Mumbai where the department has branch offices. The drive was taken up in 15 locations, unnecessary files were weeded out and valuable office space was recovered.
6. Hon'ble Cabinet Minister visited Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu on 8.10.2022 and interacted with the local administration and fishermen on issues relating to welfare of fishermen and coastal fisheries infrastructure. Hon'ble Minister also visited Kohima on 20th October and had discussion with the state representatives on implementation of PMMSY and fishery related issues.
7. Hon'ble Minister of State (FAHD) visited Chennai on 21.10.2022 and reviewed the activities of FSI & CIFNET. He also interacted with the trainees.
8. The department organized a half day workshop on 21st October on the subject of WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement to sensitize the state governments and other stakeholders on various aspects of the Agreements and its implications. It was attended by more than 1000 participates within across the departments, directorates, researchers, NGOs & fisher associations.
9. A workshop was organized on 27th October for Training and Capacity Building of officers of the department on PM Gatishakti NMP.
10. NGT (Southern Zone) on a suo motto case passed orders directing CAA to ensure that hatcheries take clearance under CRZ regime. Though aquaculture has been exempted from CRZ regime by a specific provision (Section 27) under CAA Act 2005, this order has the potential of harming the small scale aqua farms by forcing them to seek CRZ clearance. Therefore, the department has filed a review petition and is also taking every step to bring in suitable amendments in CAA Act to safeguard the sector.