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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Fisheries

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Subject: Circulation of Monthly Summary of principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministries/ Departments to the Cabinet for the month of March, 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 March, 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

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- 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 March, 2023 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

1. Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (FAHD), Shri Parshottam Rupala, visited Baramulla in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on 2-3rd March, 2023 and reviewed the grounding of projects and activities approved under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for development of fisheries and aquaculture in the district. He distributed Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) and sanction letters to the beneficiaries for setting up of aquaculture development units and transport facilities and also held interaction with fish farmers and fishers.
2. The Phase-4 of Sagar Parikrama program was conducted during 18-19 March, 2023: it started from Baithkol commercial port at Karwar, Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka on 18-03-2023 and ended at Mangalore, Dakshina Kannad, Karnataka on 19-03-2023 covering fisher habitations at Majali, Karwar, Zilla Rangamandira, Belambara, Manki and Murdeshwar of Uttara Kannada district and Alvekodi jetty, Malpe harbour, Uchhila and Mangalore of Dakshina Kannad district on the way. During the halts, interactions with fishermen were held. KCC cards were distributed and the problems narrated by the fishers were noted for further action. The Hon'ble Minister, FAHD was present throughout the program, accompanied by Hon'ble Minister of State, FAHD, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Government of Karnataka, officers of Government of Karnataka and local elected representatives. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from the fishermen and drew large crowds.
3. Meeting of Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for FAHD with Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Guyana, Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha was held on 21st March, 2023. The potential areas of collaboration and technical support required from India were discussed alongwith joint venture/ partnerships between business from both the sides.
4. 10th Meeting of Central Apex Committee (CAC) of PMMSY was held on 1st March, 2023 and 27th March, 2023 through Video Conference (VC) to consider various proposals under PMMSY. The CAC inter-alia, approved the proposals with total outlay of Rs. 494.06 crores for setting up of Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs) by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED).
5. The 39th, 40th and 41st Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) meetings were held on 17th, 25th and 29th March, 2023 respectively and projects with total outlay of Rs. 2744.82 crores were appraised. PAC recommended for approval of projects of States, namely Andhra Pradesh,

Assam, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, West Bengal, and integrated aqua park of Uttarakhand and Andhra Pradesh and New Space India Limited, a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSI) under Department of Space, GoI at a total outlay of Rs. 2133.38 crores.

6. Meeting with Mr. Jong-Jin Kim, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative and Mr. Aziz Elbehri, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Representative was held on 17th March, 2023 wherein the possible area of technical collaborations with FAO in the field of fisheries and aquaculture were discussed.
7. In its meeting held on 24th March, 2023, the Cabinet approved the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) (Amendment) Bill, 2023 for introduction in the Parliament. The CAA (Amendment) Bill, 2023 seeks to decriminalise the offences under the existing CAA Act for promoting ease of doing business, promote newer forms of environment friendly coastal aquaculture, prevent the use of antibiotics and pharmacologically active substances, promote production, productivity and traceability in an environmentally sustainable manner.
8. Undergoing the importance of containing diseases in aquaculture, review was conducted in respect of National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NASPAAD) Phase-II was held. The focus of deliberations was on keeping fish and fishery products free from exotic pathogens, on rational use of chemicals/ drugs, on timely reporting of fish diseases and on providing timely solution to aquaculturists with respect to diseases.
9. CAA released its new logo and also launched the new facility of issue of downloadable Digital Certificates of Registration to farms and hatcheries and Certificate of Compliance for aqua inputs in an official function on 23rd March, 2023.
10. Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) chaired a meeting 10th March, 2023 with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), National Co-operative Development Board (NCDC) and concerned State Governments to review the progress of projects approved under Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF).
11. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) and Deputy Commissioner (Fisheries) attended the negotiations on the Trade and Sustainable Development track of the India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) on 15th March, 2023 through Video Conference (VC).

12. During Fish week held at World Trade Organisation (WTO) on 21-24 March, 2023, the Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the various Fisheries Subsidies related multilateral/ bilateral meetings through Video Conference (VC) with the 6LATS (Argentina, Panama, Costa Rica, Colombia, Uruguay, and Peru), ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States) and Norway and Iceland.
13. Joint Working Group Meeting on cooperation in the field of Sustainable Fisheries Development with Iceland was held on 22nd March, 2023 through VC and potential areas of collaboration such as cold water fisheries, fisheries infrastructure development, management of marine fisheries resources, post-harvest management etc. were discussed.
14. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) conducted 13 training and awareness activities and 64 outreach activities during the month covering 22,100 and 81,600 persons respectively.
15. During the month of March, 2023 the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed 200 applications for registration of hatcheries, farms, renewal of farms, issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic free substances received from Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Gujarat, inspected 02 hatcheries in Andhra Pradesh and processed applications of 01 hatchery for the production of Specific Pathogen Free (SPF) *Litopenaeus vannamei*, 09 applications for Registration of shrimp farms in Kerala, 117 applications for renewal of registration of shrimp farms in Kerala, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat and 55 applications from 17 companies of Aqua Input Manufacturers / Distributors companies for issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic free inputs.
16. Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) conducted technical evaluation for modernisation and dredging of 6 Fishing Harbours/ fish landing centres in Karnataka.
17. The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) conducted training for 114 fishermen.
18. 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). Besides, Director General participated in 8th Scientific Committee on Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries agreement (SOIFA) during 22-31 March 2023 through Video Conference. The Zonal Director, FSI, Kochi attended the Intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Law of the Sea on

- the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction held at New York, United States during 2-4 March 2023.
19. The National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for 240 marine fisher women/men comprising of 1008 trainee days during the month.
 20. Public Grievances: The Grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS Portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 95% as on 31st March, 2023.
