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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 February, 2024 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 February, 2024 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 February, 2024 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

1. The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 8th February, 2024, approved the "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY)," a Central Sector Sub-scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMSSY) with an investment of over Rs. 6,000 crore over a period of next four (4) years from Financial Year (FY) 2023-24 to FY 2026-27 in all States/ Union Territories. The major components of the scheme include a) formalization of fisheries sector, b) facilitating access of fisheries microenterprises to Government of India (GoI) programs for working capital financing, c) facilitating adoption of aquaculture insurance, d) supporting microenterprises to improve fisheries sector value chains efficiencies and e) adoption and expansion of fish and fishery product safety and quality assurance systems.
2. The Union Cabinet also approved extension of Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) for another 3 years up to 2025-26 within the already approved fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore and GoI budgetary support of Rs 939.48 crore on 8th February, 2024.
3. The Department of Fisheries signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) in the presence of Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Parshottam Rupala; Minister of State of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Dr. L Murugan; Secretary (Fisheries), Joint Secretaries, Managing Director, ONDC and other esteemed dignitaries on 19th February, 2024. Hon`ble Ministers also released a booklet "From Catch to Commerce, Increasing Market Access through Digital Transformation". Around 50 Fish Farmers Producers Organizations (FFPOs) were physically in the program and hundreds of fishers and fish farmers joined virtually.
4. The Hon`ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala, inaugurated the 13th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum with the theme "Fostering Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture for attaining Sustainable Development Goals" organised by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), Barrackpore, Kolkata on 23rd February, 2024.
5. The Hon`ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala discussed marine fisheries, research and development issues with Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies and other stakeholders from Kochi, Kerala, at New Delhi on 28th February, 2024.
6. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries attended the 13th Ministerial Conference of World Trade Organisation (WTO) chaired by Shri. Pramod Kumar Mishra, Principal Secretary, PrimeMinister`s Office on 19th February, 2024.
7. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries, visited Getalsud Dam, Ranchi, Jharkhand on 28th February, 2024 to review the activities taken up to increase production and productivity of the reservoir such as cage culture, pen culture and fingerling stocking in reservoir. He also visited the cage manufacturer site and interacted with fishermen, fisherwomen and fish farmers. He highlighted the immense potential of India's vast reservoir resources spread over