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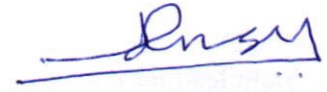
Chanderlok Building
1st Floor, 36, Janpath, New Delhi
Dated the 23rd November, 2022

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.

11. The National Fisheries Development Board (NDFB) organized river ranching program and carried out release of fish seed at two locations namely Netaji Dhubuni Ghat, Brahmaputra River and Florican Garden Ghat, Gaurang river with participation of 250 fishers.
12. NFDB conducted 75 training and awareness activities during the month covering 40,000 persons.
13. A workshop was conducted on 27th October on “Promoting Business innovations in Indian Fishery Sector Cold Chain operation” under “Make in India” initiative in collaboration with World Bank and CIL.
14. The First Meeting of Joint Hindi Advisory Committee of Department of Fisheries (DoF) and Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Minister, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (FAHD) on 28th October 2022 in Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi.
15. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) approved 12 applications of hatcheries and nauplii rearing hatcheries, 231 applications for registration, 124 applications for renewal of aquaculture farms and 130 applications from 32 Aqua Input Manufacturers/Distributors companies for issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic Free substances during the month. In addition, CAA inspected 434 farms and hatcheries located in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat and 21 water samples were collected from the discharge points for compliance of license condition.
16. Eight (8) fishing vessels of the FSI sailed and conducted the exploratory survey programs in and around of the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
17. A team of scientists from FSI participated in the different meetings of Working Groups of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) such as 3rd IOTC Ad-hoc Working Group on Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) (WGFADs) Meeting through virtual mode during 3rd to 5th October 2022, 13th Working Party on Methods (WPM-13) held during 19th to 21st October, 2022 and 24th meeting of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas (WPTT) held during 24th to 29th October 2022.
18. The Central institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) prepared the pre-feasibility report of construction of fishing harbour at Belambara, Uttar Kannada district of Karnataka, for a fleet size of 50 mechanized fishing vessels and 80 numbers of Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) boats. For the first time, the concepts of sandbar breakwater and use of geo tubes have been incorporated in the design and this will go a long way in reducing the cost of Fishing Harbour/ Fish Landing Centre.
19. The National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for 76 marine fisher women/men comprising of 438 trainee days during the month.
20. All the officials of the Department of Fisheries and all the sub-ordinate institutions took integrity pledge on the occasion of National Unity Day to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st October 2022.
21. Public Grievances: The Grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS Portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 92% as on 31st October, 2022.