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Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to earlier D.O. letter No. 25-I(05)/2019-ADF/AR dated 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 from my colleague, Shri Tarun Sirdhar, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying forwarding the significant developments including fisheries made during the month of March, 2019. In this context, I would like to appraise about additional major developments since I assumed the charge of Department of Fisheries on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 as under:-

- i. As announced in the Budget 2019-20, Department of Fisheries has been created after carving out from the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries to provide sustainable and focused attention towards development of the Fisheries sector. Consequently, the Cabinet vide case No. 92/9/2019 dated 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 approved for creation of one post of Secretary and one post of Joint Secretary in respect of Department of Fisheries. In addition, one post of Joint Secretary has been transferred from Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying and posted in the newly created Department of Fisheries by DOP&Ts order No. 33/05/2019-EO(SM-I) dated 10.03.2019. Further, I have assumed the charge as Secretary, Department of Fisheries on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 and are assisted by two Joint Secretaries namely Dr. J. Balaji and Shri. Sagar Mehra.
- ii. I visited NFDB, Hyderabad on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and reviewed the performance and activities of National Fisheries Development Board wherein Chief Executive(CE), NFDB briefed me about the mandate and functioning of the Board, including the genesis organogram and status of the Empowered Committee(EC) & General Body(GB). The CE, NFDB presented the performance of NFDB in the last 10 years and the ongoing activities and in technology transfer including National Fresh water Brood bank (NFFBB). The road to strengthen NFDB so that it becomes one-stop solution for fishery related activities was discussed.
- iii. I inaugurated the AOC-centre established at NFDB campus for providing services to fish farmers and visited the demonstration units of Backyard RAS, Aquaponic, Domestic RAS, Ornamental breeding unit and live fish holding unit. I also reviewed the arrangements made for the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), meetings hosted by India, to be held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 at Hyderabad and visited the conference venue and reviewed the progress made with regard to the arrangements and preparations made for the conference.

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- iv. In addition, I along with CE, NFDB and a team of NFDB and Telangana State Fisheries officials, went on a field visit and visited "Integrated Fish Market" at Siddipet, as well as the Recirculatory Aquaculture unit at Sankarapally, Telangana, where I interacted with the fish vendors and fishermen community as well as fish farmers. Later, at NFDB, Campus, I interacted with the women fish farmers/fishers of Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra.

#### **Fishery Institute**

Fishery Survey of India (FSI) conducts Exploratory Survey and conducts the stock assessment of the marine Fisheries Resources in and around the Indian Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) with its 11 Exploratory Survey Vessels. During March, 2019, seven survey vessels were operated to collect the real time fisheries data across the Indian EEZs with an average of 20 days out at sea having average 13 days actual fishing days.

#### **Fisheries International Cooperation:**

- i. Director General (I/c) from Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai and Shri I. A. Siddiqui, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) were deputed to attend the Inception Workshop of the Bay of Bengal large marine Ecosystem (BOBLME) Project phase-2 organized by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Bangkok, Thailand during 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 They also attended the first meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the BOBLME Phase-2 held in Bangkok, Thailand on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.
- ii. Joint Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of India participated in the next round of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies organized by World Trade Organization (WTO), Geneva, Switzerland during 25<sup>th</sup> March – 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

#### **Grievance disposal:**

The Grievance disposal for Department of Fisheries is 92% under CPGRAM portal

*With regd.*  
Yours sincerely,

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