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Department of Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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Important policy decisions taken and major achievement during the month of December, 2019

Fisheries Sector:

Principal Advisor to Hon'ble Prime Minister chaired a meeting on 3rd December, 2019 wherein presentations were made on the proposed draft National Mariculture Policy & National Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy. After detailed discussions, it was decided that the Department should prepare a comprehensive "National Fisheries Policy" covering all sub sectors of Fisheries such as inland, marine, aquaculture, mariculture and post harvest.

A meeting was held on 4th December, 2019 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, with the State level Bankers Committee (SLBC) of all States and UTs to iron out issues relating to extension of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facility to fisheries and fish farmers for expediting the issuance of KCC cards. Thereafter, discussions were held with Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) to ensure a greater involvement of banks to set targets for issuance of KCCs.

A National Conference on Fisheries and Aquaculture with the theme "Harnessing the Untapped Potential of Fisheries & Aquaculture" was organized on 13th December 2019 at New Delhi jointly by needed to strengthen and sustain Fisheries, Aquaculture and related processing and value added Industry and the roadmap for the sector with actions that can be implemented to achieve the targeted objectives of this Department was deliberated. The conference was well attended by representatives from Central Government Department, Central Government Organisations, State Agriculture Department Fisheries Industry, Fishery Institutes, Academics, Scientists, Port Authorities, Fishery Associations, Feed Manufacturers, fish farmers etc.

Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India presided over a function held on 23rd December, 2019 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for signing of Tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between the (i) Department of Fisheries, Government of India, (ii) NABARD and (iii) State Government for implementation of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF).

The Government of Tamil Nadu has signed the first Tripartite MoA for availing the initial concessional finance of Rs.420 Crore from NABARD for development of three fishing harbours in the State at Tharangambadi in Nagapattinam District, Thiruvottriyur Kuppam in Tiruvallur District and Madhu Nagar in Cuddalore District.

The Meeting of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board was attended by me, along with Secretary (Shipping, Director General (Coast Guard) and members of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB) where issues related to National Security and role of Fishermen and the Sector was debated.

The 05th Meeting of the Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) was held on 12th December, 2019 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to consider proposal received from 3 (three) States/UTs under the CSS on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management Fisheries during the year 2019-20.

Fisheries International Cooperation

Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) of this Department attended the 15th Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS15) of IOTC held during 1st - 3rd December 2019 in Karachi, Pakistan.

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The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure) in its meeting held on 21st January, 2020 considered the EFC Memo on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). Based on the discussions held in the EFC meeting, the PMMSY scheme proposal was recommended by the Ministry of Finance for further preparation of the draft Cabinet Note.

National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) has supported a ICAR-CMFRI project entitled 'Demonstration of pond culture technology for Orange spotted grouper and Indian pompano in salt affected areas of Krishna and west Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh'. The maiden harvest of the pond cultured Indian pompano was carried out on 4th January 2020 in the presence of Shri Mopidevi Venkataramana Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Animal husbandry, Fisheries & Marketing, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Simhadri Ramesh Babu, MLA, Avanigadda (Krishna Dist), alongwith officials from NFDB, ICAR-CMFRI and State Fisheries Department.

Cage Culture Demonstration of Indian Pompano and Orange spotted grouper (*Epinephelus coioides*) for partial harvest made NFDB funded cage project was done in Andhra Pradesh using CMFRI technology on 28th January, 2020 after approximately eight months of culture. Four circular HDPE cages of 6 m diameter having net depth of 4 m were stocked with Indian pompano fingerlings (10 g) in the months of May and June of 2019. The Survival rate was >95%. FCR calculated was 1:1.75. Around one-fourth of the cage biomass amounting to 488.5 kg was harvested

A workshop on 'Ornamental Fisheries Entrepreneurship Development' was organized jointly with the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), NFDB and Govt. of West Bengal on 25th January 2020 at Kolkata. About 100nos. of Entrepreneurs, fish farmers & exporters from Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, & North Eastern States participated in the workshop and shared their experiences and success stories for promotion of ornamental fisheries in the country.

A Review meeting was convened by me with Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of Fisheries of all the States/UTs and team of World Bank to discuss the possible areas/ activities through which the World Bank support would be required in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector in the country. In addition, the progress of implementation of various activities/projects under various components of Blue Revolution in State/UTs was also reviewed.

I attended a meeting of 6th Island Development Authority (IDA) held on 13th January, 2020 at North Block, New Delhi, chaired by Honorable Union Minister of Home Affairs. Wherein Island fisheries Development activities like near shore mariculture seaweed farming post harvest technology and cold chain and Marine Ornamental Fisheries to support livelihood and promote tourism, were highlighted.

A meeting was convened with Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority on 21st January, 2020 to discuss the development of disaster resilient fisheries infrastructure including housing, training of Coastal fisher youth in risk reduction, establishment of Tsunami shelters and other disaster related infrastructure in coastal states through leveraging of funds of NDMA, State Government and Department of Fisheries.

The 2nd meeting of the Rules Drafting Committee for the 'Draft National Marine Fisheries (Regulation and Management) Bill' was held on 29th January, 2020 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

The meeting of the Central Approval and Monitoring Committee (CAMC) was held on 22nd January, 2020 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to consider the proposals under Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)

Fisheries International Cooperation:

Shri I. A. Siddiqui, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) of this Department attended Regional Workshop on sharing National priorities for addressing Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Bay of Bengal and Gulf of Thailand in Bangkok, Thailand during 14th - 15th January, 2020.

Dr. J. Balaji, Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the meeting of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies in World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland held during 13th - 17th January, 2020.