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Government of India
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Circulation of Monthly Summary of principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministries/Departments to the Cabinet for the month of September, 2019 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 subject and to circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the month of September, 2019 containing principal activities undertaken, important decision taken and progress of action taken on the decisions of the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees for 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 (Kind Attn 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, Ministry 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 Departmental website.

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of September, 2019.

Fisheries Sector

A National laboratory on "Aquatic Animal Health and Quality Testing" was inaugurated by Shri. Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India on 7th September 2019 at National Fisheries Development Board(NFDB), Hyderabad. The newly established Laboratory has facilities for Microbiological and Molecular Diagnosis of shrimp and fin-fish diseases, Residual Testing in fish and fish products and assessing the quality of Water, Soil and Feed. A dashboard of the Fish Market Price Information System (FMPIS) was also inaugurated followed by release of 'Handbook for Aqua farmers by the Hon'ble Union Minister.

Secretary (Fisheries) attended two day conference with Industry Associations and States/UTs regarding Trade Policy Instruments for Formulation and Implementation of Effective Development Strategy and Board of Trade meeting on 11th & 12th September, 2019 respectively at New Delhi, presided over by Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a Stakeholders Consultation meeting at Chennai on 25th September, 2019, to discuss the rolling out of *Penaeus indicus* as an alternative species to *L. vannamei*, wherein, the Director, CIBA and farmers of the Pilot project made a presentation on the production performance of Indian White shrimp, *Penaeus indicus*; a project assisted by the Department of Fisheries (DoF) through NFDB. Senior level officers from various States/UTs and shrimp farmers and hatchery owners across eight states attended the aforesaid meeting. Secretary (Fisheries) also visited the infrastructure facilities available with the Muthukadu Field Research station of ICAR-CIBA established for undertaking various research activities on brackish water aquaculture species.

The Southern Regional Review Meeting was conducted in Chennai under the chairpersonship of Secretary (Fisheries) wherein the progress and implementation status of Blue Revolution scheme in the States/UTs of Karnataka, Kerala, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Andaman & Nicobar were reviewed. Senior level officers of coastal States/UTs also gave their views and participated in discussions on the ongoing WTO negotiations on fisheries subsidies discipline, Draft National Marine Fisheries (Regulation & Management) Bill, 2019, Draft Aquatic Animal Disease and Health Management Bill, 2019, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) etc.

Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Giriraj Singh released the 13th Edition of the 'Hand Book of Fisheries Statistics 2018 on 19th September, 2019 at New Delhi. The programme was well attended by fish farmers, hatchery owners, media persons and other stake holders.

The Department celebrated Hindi Pakhwada from 14th -27th September, 2019 by organizing various Hindi competitions viz short essay writing, Hindi noting and drafting, topic discussion etc and also conducted "Swachhta Hi Sewa-2019" Campaign from 11th September, 2019 to 2nd October, 2019.

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The draft Aquatic Animal Health and Disease Management Bill, 2019, one of the development agenda of the Government of India for the first 100 days, has been finalized and the same has been uploaded in the Department's Website on 13th September, 2019 for inviting comments from the various stakeholders including State Governments.

The draft Marine Fisheries (Regulation and Management) Bill, 2019, has been finalized and uploaded on the Department's website. Following several meetings with States/UTs and conducting stakeholder consultations, the views of all concerned have been incorporated. The bill along with the Cabinet note is being sent for vetting to the legislative department.

Fisheries International Cooperation

The 12th Meeting of the Working Group for monitoring and review of implementation of IOTC Resolutions under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Fisheries) was held on 3rd September, 2019 in Department of Fisheries at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Shri Shankar L., Joint Commissioner (Fisheries) of this Department attended the Regional Workshop for South East Asia and Bay of Bengal (SEABOB) countries of Fisheries Tenure and User Rights held in Bangkok, Thailand during 3rd-5th September, 2019.

Dr. Ansy Mathew, N. P., Fisheries Research and Investigation Officer of this Department attended the 15th Working party on Ecosystem and Bycatch (WPEB15) held during 3rd - 7th September, 2019 in La Reunion.

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 9-13th September, 2019.

Public Grievances

The grievance disposals under CPGRAMS portal for the Department of Fisheries is 94% till 30th September, 2019.
