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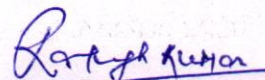
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

**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 July and August, 2020 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 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 on the above subject and to circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the months of July and August, 2020 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 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.



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**Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of July, 2020 in Department of Fisheries**

1. Secretary (Fisheries) had chaired the third and fourth meeting with the senior officers of the Department of Fisheries on various issues related to fisheries held on 1.07.2020, 15.07.2020 and 31.07.2020 on the various issues such as (i) progress of several initiatives and early grounding of PMMSY; (ii) Engagement of consultancy services in fisheries sector; (iii) preparation of 20 Nos mission mode projects under PMMSY; (iv) review of pace of expenditure of the Department during the second quarter of 2020-21-and (v) e-office implementation progress and strategy of department and (vi) rollout of World Bank Project in Fisheries sector, etc.
2. Secretary (Fisheries) chaired two virtual meetings on 02<sup>nd</sup> and 03<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020, with the Principal Secretaries of the States and Union Territories(UTs) and the following were discussed/reviewed (i) Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana(PMMSY) including status of the proposals for 2020-21, (ii) Preparatory works being carried out by the States/UTs under the PMMSY, (iii) progress on issuance of Kisan Credit Cards(KCC) to fishers and fish farmers (iv) Progress of implementation of Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) and other associated issues.
3. Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri. Giriraj Singh, along with Hon'ble MOSs Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, and Dr.Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, addressed the fishers/fish farmers and other stake holders on the occasion of National Fish Farmers day on 10-07-2020, through virtual mode.
4. Secretary (Fisheries) had reviewed the progress on issuance of Kisan Credit Cards to fishers and fish farmers through a virtual meeting held with Principal Secretaries of the States/UTs on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 and directed the States/UTs to expedite/speed up issue of KCC through the Special drive, so as to saturate eligible fishers and fish farmers under KCC.
5. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme has been rolled out and proposals from 3 States viz., Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh at a total cost of Rs.549.94 crore have been approved and first instalment of central share of Rs.87.71 crore have been released to these 3 States under the PMMSY.
6. Request for Proposals (RFP) for appointment of Programme Management Consultancy (PMC) for Implementation of PMMSY has been issued on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 through National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad.
7. The meeting of the Standing Committee on Agriculture for examination/evaluation of the "National Scheme for Welfare of Fishermen", was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020 and deliberations held on the said scheme.
8. Joint Secretary (Admn) chaired a review meeting through virtual mode on 22.07.2020 reviewing the performance of various fisheries institutions under the Administrative control of this Department.
9. Secretary (Fisheries) had attended the Virtual Review Meeting taken by Cabinet Secretary on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 regarding the progress on the implementation of Atma Nirbhar Bharat package. The progress of implementation of the PMMSY and KCC which forms part of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat package was appraised to the Chair.



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10. The 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 under my Chairmanship through Video Conference.
11. Secretary (Fisheries) attended the virtual meeting on the "Institutionalization of Output Outcome Monitoring Framework (OOMF)" which was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 under the Chairmanship of Member (Agriculture), NITI Aayog.
12. The World Bank has consented to support an Investment Project of COVID 19: Reconstruction and Recovery of Fisheries Sector. A discussion meeting through the virtual mode was held by Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) and Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) and other Officers of this Department on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 with World Bank Team, wherein the contours of the COVID 19 project proposals were discussed. Secretary (Fisheries) along with Joint Secretaries also had a separate discussion meeting through the virtual mode, with the Country Director, World Bank and his team on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 towards expediting the World Bank support.

**13. Fisheries Institutes**

- (i) National Fisheries Development Board(NFDB)- NFDB had developed the templates for the DPR's along with the relevant guidelines and hosted them on the website, with a view to facilitate the stake holders and relieve them of hardship in submitting the required proposals for obtaining approvals under various schemes. NFDB, had also created an e-facility/platform for the PMMSY and FIDF schemes for the state governments, wherein the State/UT Governments have been provided login credentials, which would enable them to submit the project proposals through online directly to the department.
- (ii) Fishery Survey of India (FSI) - Senior Fisheries Scientist from Cochin Base of FSI and Sr. Scientific Assistant from FSI (HQs) attended the virtual meeting of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) of the 10th Working Party on Neritic Tuna (10th WPNT) during 06th – 08th July, 2020., Dy. Director General (Fisheries)/ Director General (i/c) had conducted the Annual Review meeting of operational and Scientific Activities (ROSA) of FSI for the year 2020-21 through webinar on 24-07-2020. All the Zonal Directors/ Base-in-charge, Scientist-in-Charge/ Engineers had attended the aforesaid ROSA meeting.
- (iii) The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical & Engineering Training (CIFNET)- CIFNET continued the training programs through online classes for the students of regular courses viz., B.FSc (NS) degree course and NCVT trade courses, the Vessel navigator course (VNC) and Marine Fitter course (MFC) as per the time table. The online classes were conducted both by CIFNET headquarters and its units in an organised manner. CIFNET celebrated the National Fish Farmers day on 10-07-2020 through organising a work shop at CIFNET headquarters at Kochi, wherein presentations on the relevant topics highlighting the importance of Fish Farmers day were made.
- (iv) The National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT)- NIFPHATT had processed about 12 tonnes of fisheries products during the month of July, 2020.
- (v) Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF)- CICEF carried out Technical Evaluation of the proposed fishery harbour at Kazhuvelli water at Azhagankuppam village in



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Villupuram district and Alamparaikuppam village in Kancheepuram district at an estimated cost of Rs. 235.00 Crores. These proposed harbours to be funded under FIDF are designed for operation of fleet size of 820 numbers of fishing vessels.

- (vi) Coastal Aquaculture Authority(CAA) – For the purpose of renewal of registration of hatcheries/farms, the Inspection Committee of CAA had inspected 185 hatcheries located in Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu and 170 hatcheries out of the above inspected hatcheries/farms have been processed for renewal during the month of July, 2020. In addition, registration of 960 farms with a total farm area of 1314.06 hectares were processed during the month of July, 2020. The 19th meeting of the Technical Committee mandated to monitor the functioning of the Aquatic Quarantine Facility (AQF), was held through virtual mode on 29th July, 2020.

**14. Fisheries International Cooperation/Trade**

- (i) Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) along with other officers of Department of Fisheries attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of India- Iceland Joint Working Group (JWG) on Cooperation in sustainable Fisheries Development through video conferencing on 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2020.
- (ii) I attended the meeting of the BRICS Chairship 2021 held on 07th July, 2020 through Video Conference, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ramesh Chand, Member (Agriculture)NITI Aayog.
- (iii) The Permanent Mission of India (PMI) to WTO, organised a virtual meeting on 12th July, 2020 which was attended by myself along with representatives from Department of Commerce, Centre for WTO Studies and other Officers of Department of Fisheries (DoF), to discuss India's position on the consolidated Chair's draft text of Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) of WTO Fisheries Subsidies. Subsequently, a Video Conference was held on 13th July, 2020 between Ambassador, PMI, Geneva and myself to discuss the India's position on the Chair's draft text. The Video Conference meeting of the Task Force on Fisheries Subsidies was also held under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) on 17th July, 2020 through to finalise the comments of Department of Fisheries on the Chair's draft.
- (iv) Ambassador, PMI, along with Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries), Consular, PMI, and representatives of Department of Commerce, Centre for WTO Studies attended the informal open ended virtual meeting on 21st July, 2020 for discussing the consolidated Chair's draft text and the work programme of WTO Fisheries Subsidies negotiations.
- (v) Secretary (Fisheries) also had a virtual meeting with Director General- World Fish, Malaysia on 08<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 to discuss and explore the possibility of collaboration between the World Fish and the Department of Fisheries, towards the sustainable development of fisheries sector in the country.

**15. Public Grievances**

The grievance disposals under the CPGRAMS portal for the Department of Fisheries was 100% till 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020.

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2. Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a meeting on Skill Development Plan of Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture sector on 4th August 2020 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi with Dr. Satender Arya, CEO, Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) to work out the skill development Plan of fishers/Fish farmers and various stakeholders the skilling efforts in the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector of the country.
3. Secretary (Fisheries) attended a meeting through Video Conference on National Master Plan for providing Multi-model Connectivity to various Economic Zones was chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 17th August, 2020. A High Level Meeting to discuss the recommendations of the Expert Committee for Examination of veracity of various tracking/communication devices available and developed being used by different category of marine fishing vessels also conducted under my Chairmanship on 17th August, 2019.
4. Secretary (Fisheries) participated in a Group of Ministers meeting –Chaired by Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare & Rural Development through Video Conference on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.
5. Secretary (Fisheries) attended a Video Conference to identify sectors for Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme on 18th August 2020 to boost exports and growth chaired by C.E.O. NITI Aayog. Subsequently, I also joined an Interaction through Video Conferencing with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) Core Group on Fisheries & Aquaculture along with Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) & Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) for boosting the exports.
6. 'OIE Regional Representation for Asia-Pacific (OIE-RR), Tokyo organized OIE Regional Virtual Meeting on Infection with Decapod Iridescent Virus 1 (DIV-1) on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 from 4.00 PM to 6.30 PM (Tokyo time). Officials from Department of Fisheries, Representatives from National Bureau of Fish Genetics resources and Director, Coastal Aquaculture Authority attended the said OIE Regional Virtual Meeting on DIV1 from Indian side. The Meeting on DIV-1 provided an opportunity for understanding the concerns and future strategies to deal with this emerging disease of concern'
7. Secretary (Fisheries) attended a presentation through Video Conference - on Aquaculture Resources Management Network System on 20th August 2020, which was organized by NetApp and GENESYS to explore GIS applications in fisheries sector. A Presentation by Aqua Connect (a full stack Aquaculture Technology Venture) on Maximizing opportunities for 5 million aquaculture farmers by 2024 was attended by Secretary (Fisheries) on 24th August, 2022.
8. The World Bank has consented to support an Investment Project of COVID 19: Reconstruction and Recovery of Fisheries Sector. A meeting through the virtual mode was held by Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) and Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) and other Officers of this Department on 25th July, 2020 with World Bank Team, wherein the contours of the COVID 19 project proposals were discussed. I along with my Joint Secretaries also had a separate discussion meeting through the virtual mode, with the Country Director, World Bank and his team on 30th July, 2020 towards expediting the World Bank support.



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9. Secretary (Fisheries) chaired the **National Consultation on Promotion of Seaweed cultivation, processing, export and marketing was held on 24th August, 2020 organised by the Department** to discuss and work out action plan for seaweed cultivation, processing and marketing plans to achieve the production targets under PMMSY and as well as other schemes and programmes of Department of fisheries both at centre and states including convergence with various other ministries/departments.
10. Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) & Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) had a meeting with JS, M/o Shipping and senior officers of Ministry of Shipping including CMD Cochin Shipyard LTD to discuss the convergence of PMMSY and Sagarmala on 27th August, 2020 through Video Conference.
11. Secretary (Fisheries) had a meeting with Sh. Virender Kanwar, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of Rural Development Panchayati Raj, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Government of Himachal Pradesh on 28th August, 2020 in Krishi Bhawan to discuss the issues related to development of fisheries and aquaculture in Himachal Pradesh.
12. Secretary (Fisheries) chaired three meeting with the senior officers of the Department to discuss and deliberate on 03.08.2020, 17.08.2020 and 31.08.2020 on the various issues such as (i) progress of several initiatives and early grounding of PMMSY; (ii) Engagement of consultancy services in fisheries sector; (iii) preparation of 20 mission mode projects under PMMSY; -and (iv) e-office implementation progress and strategy of department and (vi) rollout of World Bank Project in Fisheries sector, etc.
13. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme has been rolled out and proposals from 21 States/UTs with total outlay of Rs.3466 crore have been received and first instalment of central share of Rs.125.82 crore have been released to 8 States in line with the funds available under the PMMSY. The proposals from other States/UTs are under different stages of process/scrutiny or handholding for aligning them in line with the PMMSY guidelines.

**14. Fisheries Institutes**

**i. National Fisheries Development Board:**

- (i) **Trout Culture in Himalayan States:** A Webinar was organised by NFDB, Hyderabad with Embassy of India at Denmark and other Indian officials, farmers & Danish delegates on 18th August, 2020 on "Trout Culture in Himalayan States-A Way Forward". Various aspects regarding the possibilities to strength the existing infrastructure, construction of Trout Hatcheries/Raceways, marketing linkages, capacity building of the Trout farmers of India, breeding program for Rainbow Trout possibilities of procuring quality seed/feed and importing quality eyed ova for year round successful Trout culture.
- (ii) **Virtual Consultation Meet jointly organized by ICAR-CIFA and NFDB:** Secretary (Fisheries) joined a series of Virtual Stakeholder Consultations with the States/UTs etc. as Chief Guest to discuss the issues and constraints in Technology-led development process in freshwater aquaculture organized by ICAR CIFA in association with NFDB from 19th August to 27th Aug, 2020 by CIFA and NFDB on "Strategies for Freshwater Aquaculture Development under PMMSY". The Virtual Stakeholder Consultation series were held on the topic "Leveraging Institutional synergy for Technology-led Freshwater Aquaculture Development" focusing on the present status of Freshwater aquaculture in all the states and the approach towards the increasing production in line with the PMMSY "Perspective of Private sector stakeholders & development Agencies in accelerating Freshwater Aquaculture Development". Leaders of Private Hatcheries, Farm Associations, Nutraceuticals & Drug companies, NGOs, FPOs, Corporates took part in that and shared their views in the freshwater aquaculture development and "Fostering Freshwater Aquaculture Technology Dissemination through KVK network". All the ATARI directors



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participated and discussed regarding the scope in dissemination of the improved technologies and fish varieties through country wide KVKs.

- (ii) **Enhancing the Domestic Fish Consumption:** A Webinar discussion on "Enhancing the Domestic Fish Consumption" was held on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2020 in collaboration with the Society for Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture (SIFA), Hyderabad. The Chief Executive, NFDB; the President, SIFA; members from SIFA Advisory Board, Central Institute Directors, Entrepreneurs and Fish Farmers were participated in the event.
- (iii) **FIDF related events:** An advertisement on FIDF was published in National Daily newspaper "Times of India" on date 08.08.2020 and its Brochure & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) uploaded on NFDB's website for wide circulation. Subsequently, A Video Conference was conducted on 13.08.2020 under the Co-chair of CE, NFDB and Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries to review the status of the projects and the difficulties in sanction of loan under FIDF to the individual beneficiaries by the Scheduled banks and funds releases from NABARD for the state oriented projects were discussed.
- (iv) **Fishery Survey of India (FSI):** The scientists and Fisheries technical personnel of the institutes participated in seventeen (17) online training/ workshops and webinars programme organised by the various line Departments/ Universities/ Research Organisations in the field of Fisheries and Biodiversity conservation etc..
- (v) **The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical & Engineering Training (CIFNET):** CIFNET continued the training programs through online classes for the students of regular courses viz., BFSc(NS) degree course and NCVT trade courses, the Vessel navigator course (VNC) and Marine Fitter course (MFC) as per the time table. The online classes were conducted both by CIFNET headquarters and its units in an organised manner. Applications received from students for the next batch admission to BFSc (NS)/ MFC/VNC were scrutinized by the scrutiny committee of CIFNET Kochi based on the committee report final rank list was prepared and published in CIFNET website. The vessels M.V Skipper II and M.V. Tharangini attached to the institute sailed their voyages.
- (vi) **The National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT):** NIFPHATT had processed about 27 tonnes raw fishes and about 23 tones fisheries products produced during the month of August, 2020.
- (vii) **Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF):** CICEF carried out the Technical Evaluation of the proposed fishery harbour at Arcottuthurai in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu at an estimated cost of Rs. 15,000 lakhs. The Institute also prepared and submitted the guidelines for undertaking pre-investment studies as Deposit Works.

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I attended the virtual meeting with Head of delegates of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) on 18th August, 2020.

#### **16. Public Grievances**

The grievance disposals under the CPGRAMS portal for the Department of Fisheries was 91.3% till 31st August, 2020.

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