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**Department of Fisheries**

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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, 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 September, 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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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.



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

- 1) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired the two meetings with the senior officers of the Department on 31.08.2020 and 17.09.2020 to review the progress of early grounding and project approvals under PMMSY, preparation of 20 Nos. of mission mode projects under PMMSY, rollout of World Bank Project in Fisheries sector, etc.
- 2) Secretary (Fisheries) addressed a webinar on 'India Seaweed E-Forum: Cultivation & Industry-Way Forward', on the Theme of "Post-Covid-Current Scenario of Seaweed Cultivation & Downstream Processing Challenges & Prospects" as Chief Guest, organized by Indian Chamber of Commerce with collaboration of CSIR India. Secretary (Fisheries) attended a meeting via video conferencing for National Consultation on Broodstock, Seed for enhancing production & productivity in Aquaculture & promotion of Fisheries Export from India with all the States/UTs, and various fisheries institutions/associations.
- 3) Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana' (PMMSY) on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 in 21 States/UTs in Phase-I from Bihar focusing only on the beneficiary oriented income generating activities under PMMSY. Several other initiatives in the fisheries sector were also inaugurated by the Hon'ble PM on the occasion Viz. establishment of Fish Brood Bank at Sitamarhi, Aquatic Disease Referral Laboratory at Kishanganj, one-unit fish feed mill at Madhepura and two units of 'Fish on Wheels' at Patna.
- 4) The Department of Fisheries celebrated Hindi Pakhwada during 14<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 wherein various competitions such as Essay writing, Debate etc. were organised with active participation of officials/officers of DoF.
- 5) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a meeting through Video Conference on Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)- Central Apex Committee along with both the Joint Secretaries Inland and Marine Fisheries and other Stakeholders such as NABARD, NCDC, NFBD & States, (Tamil Nadu, Gujarat & Andhra Pradesh) to discuss various issues related to Fisheries Infrastructure in India on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
- 6) A meeting was organised on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 with the Deans of Colleges, Directors of ICAR-Fisheries Institutes & Deputy/Additional Director Generals (DDGs/ADGs) of ICAR-Fisheries Division and chaired by me wherein the senior officers of the department of fisheries were also present to deliberate upon and prepare roadmap for implementation of PMMSY scheme. A meeting was also held between me and Shri Aslam Sheikh, Hon'ble Minister of Textile, Fisheries & Port Development, Govt. of Maharashtra on the various issues related to Fisheries Sector in the State Government of Maharashtra.
- 7) Secretary (Fisheries) reviewed the Development Plan of Moolapalem Site, Sompeta Mandal, Srikakulam Distt, Andhra Pradesh along with Dr (Smt.) C. Suvarna, Chief Executive, NFDB & both Joint Secretaries fisheries on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020 through

Video Conference. Subsequently, a review meeting on Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana was also held on this day under my chairmanship along with the Joint Secretaries Inland and Marine and other senior officers of the department. The said meeting was also attended by Chief executive, NFDB and other senior level officers from States/UTs to discuss the speedy implementation of ongoing PMMSY scheme, issuance of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC), review of Pending Utilization Certificates, WTO Subsidies negotiations, etc.

- 8) Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a meeting to discuss the working of Marine Fisheries Institutes under the administrative control of Department of Fisheries on 24th September, 2020. Subsequently, 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Central Standing Committee (CSC) on PMMSY was held under co-chairpersonship of the Joint Secretary (Marine) and Joint Secretary (Inland) on this day through Video Conference(VC).
- 9) 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Project Monitoring & Evaluation Unit (PMEU) under the co-chairmanship of Joint Secretaries (Inland/Marine Fisheries) along with domain experts across the country was held on 28th September, 2020.
- 10) Shri. Giriraj Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of quarterly e-Newsletter of the Department Fisheries 'Matsya Sampada' on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
- 11) The central apex committee (CAC) on PMMSY under my chairmanship has been constituted to steer the overall implementation of the scheme, including monitoring. Secretary (Fisheries) chaired a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the CAC on 30th September, 2020 through Video Conference.
- 12) Under PMMSY, the project proposals to the tune of Rs. 5960.18 crores have been received from 31 States/UTs so far. Proposals from eighteen (18) States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Assam, Mizoram, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Goa, Andaman& Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Haryana and Punjab at a total outlay of Rs. 1697.51 crores with central share of Rs. 568.79 crore have been approved and 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of central share of Rs. 175.82 crore have been released under the PMMSY scheme. Proposal from 3 States (Manipur, Nagaland and Meghalaya,) have also been approved by the Project Appraisal Committee of PMMSY at a total project cost of Rs. 61.97 crores, involving central share of Rs. 33.66 crores.

### **13) Fisheries Institutes**

#### **(i) National Fisheries Development Board:**

- a. To encourage investment in aquaculture, NFDB in partnership with Society of Aquaculture Professionals (SAP) organized an online Orientation programme on "Funding Opportunities for Investors in Aquaculture under PMMSY & FIDF" on 08th September, 2020. Chief Executive, NFDB, President, SAP; members from SAP, Entrepreneurs, Fish Farmers and Stakeholders with more than 100 members directly participated in the event through webinar.

- b. The Chief Executive, NFDB inaugurated Training on “Fresh Water Pearl Culture for Entrepreneurship Development” organized by CIFA on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. The Director, CIFA; Scientists and participants attended the inauguration event. The participants were trained on pearl culture protocols through video lectures & practical demonstrations during the 3 days programme held between 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
  - c. The Chief Executive, NFDB attended the 4th Regional Steering Committee Meeting of ACIAR-SDIP Program to transform smallholder food systems in the Eastern Gangetic Plains and to increase water, food & energy security in South Asia to facilitate economic growth & improve livelihoods on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
- (ii) Fishery Survey of India (FSI) : Dr. Annada Bhusan Kar, Fisheries Scientist and Dr. K. Silambarasan, Sr. Scientific Assistant from Visakhapatnam Base of FSI along with Shri Solly Solomom, Sr. Scientific Assistant from Mormugao Base of FSI participated in the IOTC Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (WPEB 16) through video conferencing during 7<sup>th</sup> –10<sup>th</sup> September 2020. During the working party, Dr. Annada Bhusan Kar, Fisheries Scientist presented a paper entitled "Trend in bycatch in the tuna longline fishery in India with reference to the biology of dominant species of pelagic sharks". The scientists and Fisheries technical personnel of the institutes participated in twenty-seven (27) online training/ workshops and webinars programme organised by the various line Departments/ Universities/ Research Organisations in the field of Fisheries and Biodiversity conservation etc. The vessels namely MFV Dhrusti, MFV Matsya Shikari and MFV Samudrika attached to the institute sailed their voyages to carry out the Exploratory Survey.
  - (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.F.Sc. (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. The vessels M.V Skipper II and M.V. Tharangini attached to the institute sailed their voyages.
  - (iv) The National Institute of Fisheries, Post-Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT): NIFPHATT had processed about 19 tonnes raw fishes and about 15 tones fisheries products produced during the month of August, 2020.
  - (v) Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF): CICEF carried out Technical and Economic Evaluation on the proposal of fishery harbour at Nadabhanga Mousa at Namkhana in South 24 Paraganas district of West Bengal under FIDF at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,686.50 lakhs. The proposal envisages providing fish landing and berthing facilities for a design fleet size of 300 nos. of 17 m OAL gill netters. The average annual landings of fish and crustaceans would be 10,800 tonnes valued at Rs. 13,041 lakhs. The project would provide employment to 3,000 persons in shore-based establishments in addition to 3,000 sea-going fishermen.



- (vi) Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA): The Inspection Committee of CAA inspected 25 hatcheries located at Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu for new Registration and Renewal of Registration during the month of September, 2020. Total 17 farms with Total Farm Area of 17.42 ha received from DLC/SLC were processed for registration in the month of September, 2020.

**14) Fisheries International Cooperation/Trade**

- I. The WTO negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies have resumed after a hiatus since early March, 2020. The recent meeting cluster of Negotiation Group Rules (NGR) on Fisheries Subsidies was held during 14-18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at WTO. The Indian delegation comprised Dr. J. Balaji, Joint Secretary and other technical officers of DoF besides representatives of Department of Commerce, Permanent Mission of India to WTO, Geneva and Centre for WTO Studies (CWTOS). While PMI representatives attended the physical meetings in Geneva, the delegates from the Capital joined through video conference.
  - II. Shri I. A. Siddiqui, Deputy Commissioner (Fisheries) and Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) from DoF alongwith other technical experts from FSI and CMFRI attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC-6) of India Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) during 15-16<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
  - III. Ms. Poonam Rani, Fisheries Research & Investigation Officer and Dr. Pooja Gautam, Senior Consultant (Fisheries) of Department of Fisheries attended a Webinar on Women's Economic Empowerment in Fisheries organised by Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
  - IV. Shri I. A. Siddiqui, Deputy Commissioner (Fisheries) and Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Assistant Commissioner (Fisheries) also participated in another IORA Webinar on Advancing Sustainable Fisheries Management held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
  - V. A virtual Meeting was held between Secretary, DoF and Secretary, DoC alongwith other stakeholders on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 to discuss a comprehensive strategy to ensure that the fisheries sector regains its momentum after being impacted by COVID-19 and achieve the envisaged target of doubling exports by 2024-25.
- 15) **Public Grievances:** The grievance disposals under the CPGRAMS portal for the Department of Fisheries was 93% till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

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