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I would like to draw your kind attention to the significant developments made during the month of August, 2021 as under: -

1. The Annual Action Plan for the *Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana* (PMMSY) for the year 2021-22 was finalized at a total outlay of Rs 4000 crore in the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Central Apex Committee (CAC) held on 31<sup>st</sup> August under my chairmanship.
2. The Department of Fisheries has completed development of a comprehensive Management Information System (MIS) for the PMMSY Scheme. The Department has organized the virtual training sessions to the Nodal Officers of the States/UTs for the PMMSY for early implementation.
3. The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Central Standing Committee (CSC) of PMMSY was held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 to finalize guidelines in respect of (i) Training and Capacity Building in Fisheries and Aquaculture, (ii) Integrated Modern Coastal Fishing Villages and to bring minor changes in Operational Guidelines as per demands from the field.
4. On the request of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, a joint team led by Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) with officers and scientists from the Department of Fisheries and the Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research visited Ladakh from 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021 and held discussions with Department of Fisheries, UT Administration Ladakh, Defence Institute of High Altitude Research-DRDO, High Mountain Arid Agriculture Research Institute-SKUAST and ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Leh for development of fisheries and Aquaculture in Ladakh with special focus on rainbow trout farming, fisheries/aquatic resource mapping, biodiversity conservation and recreational fisheries-based ecotourism. A road map and Action Plan is being prepared for taking up various fisheries and aquaculture activities in Ladakh under PMMSY.
5. The Department organized a webinar on "Major Disease Problems in Freshwater Aquaculture and its Management" on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 under my chairmanship as a part of *Azadi ka Amrit Mohatsav*. Officials of Department of Fisheries, GoI, States/UTs, faculty from State Agriculture and Fisheries Universities, entrepreneurs, aquaculture farmers, hatchery owners, representatives from aquaculture industry, etc. participated in the webinar. ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture made a presentation on major disease problems in freshwater aquaculture in India and their management.
6. Towards promotion of cage culture at sea, the NFDB has stocked 13500 nos. of fish seeds in the marine cages installed at Chandipur, Odisha in presence of Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon'ble Member Lok Sabha and former MoS for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and representatives of ICAR-CMFRI as a part of Department of Fisheries funded PMMSY project on marine cage culture demonstration of Indian Pompano. This was widely covered in print and electronic media.
7. NFDB has signed a MoU with Punjab National Bank on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at NFDB Hyderabad to improve fund flow for Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) Projects in the country.

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8. A technical webinar on 'Seaweed farming in India-Planning, Policies and the way forward' was held on 27.8.2021 wherein various stakeholders including scientists and industry participated.

9. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Project Appraisal Committee of PMMSY was held under the Chairpersonship of Chief Executive, NFDB on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 and PMMSY proposals received from 11 States/UTs were appraised. A total of 194 DPRs of Rs.1519 crore with Central share of Rs.488.95 crore have been recommended to the Department of Fisheries for approval.

10. Secretary, Department of Fisheries met with senior Coast Guard Officers on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 and reviewed the marine fisheries related matters such as strengthening of monitoring, control & surveillance (MCS), search and rescue (SAR) operations of ICG to save fishers during distress/cyclones. It was discussed to further strengthen close coordination between Coast Guard and Fisheries Departments.

11. Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (FAHD), Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble MoS FAHD along with the senior officers of the department visited the Coast Guard Head Quarters on 31-08-2021 and reviewed the existing set up, mechanism and activities of ICG including their support to Fisheries Sector.

12. Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Minister of State of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying reviewed Coastal Aquaculture Authority on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2021. During the meeting, the Member Secretary, CAA explained the functions and performance of Coastal Aquaculture Authority to the Hon'ble Minister of State. CAA has also coordinated an interaction programme between the Hon'ble Minister of State and the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) representatives at Chennai on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2021.

13. Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) represented the Department of Fisheries in the BRICS Working Group on Agriculture held on 12-13<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 followed by BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting held on 27-08-2021. Further, Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the Full Quad Climate Group Meeting on 16-08-2021. Officers from Department of Fisheries also attended virtual webinar on Promotion of small-scale rural aquaculture on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021.

14. In pursuance of the statement made by Hon'ble CIM at the WTO Ministerial meeting held on 15.7.2021, the DoF in consultation with Department of Commerce, PMI and CWTOS developed a textual proposal to bring in the concept of 'polluter pays principle' and 'common but differentiated responsibilities' under the 'over-capacity and overfishing' of the proposed Fisheries Subsidies disciplines being negotiated in WTO.

15. Public Grievances: The grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS portal for the Department of Fisheries stood at 88% till 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021.

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/-

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