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Department of Fisheries

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OFFICE MEMORANDAM

Subject: Circulation of Monthly Summary of principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministries/ Departments to the Cabinet for the month of December, 2022 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 mentioned subject and circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Fisheries for the month of December, 2022 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 attention 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, Minister 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 Department website.

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of December, 2022 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

1. During the month, the Department of Fisheries accorded approval to the proposals of 4 State Governments/Union Territory, namely- Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana and Andaman and Nicobar Administration with total outlay of Rs. 285.44 crores including central share of Rs. 143.07 crores under PMMSY including the proposal for Establishment of Multipurpose Seaweed Park in Tamil Nadu at a total cost of Rs. 127.71 crores under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
2. 35th Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) meeting was held on 16th December 2022 and the project outlay of Rs. 827.81 crores were appraised and recommended for approval of Rs. 643.30 crores of projects under PMMSY to the states namely Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Odisha, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal including State Action Plan of Kerala, Mizoram, West Bengal, Assam, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.
3. A Pre-budget discussions/ consultations was organized with the industry and stakeholders in the fisheries sector under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (FAHD) on 22-12-2022 to consider the views/ representations/ suggestions from stakeholders regarding reduction in import duties on fish/ shrimp feed and the ingredients for these feeds.
4. The Minister of State of FAHD visited Andaman & Nicobar Islands on 25.12.2022 and conducted a meeting with Chief Secretary and other Senior Officers and also interacted with fishermen community at Port Blair and Mayabunder.
5. The Minister of State of FAHD visited Central Institute of Fisheries, Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET), Kochi on 31-12-2022 and reviewed the ongoing programs and courses.
6. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)-National Freshwater Fish Brood Bank (NFFBB)-Eastern Regional Centre (ERC) established a genetically improved (GI) Scampi Brood Bank at Bhubaneswar and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA) on 6th December, 2022 for supply of 50,000 breeder seed per annum for next two years. This is expected to improve the availability of GI Scampi brood stock to the networked hatcheries and consequently to make available quality scampi seeds to the aquafarmers in adequate quantity.
7. The Department participated in the half yearly review meeting of the Empowered Arctic Policy Group (EAPG) in Sardar Patel Bhavan, New Delhi on 06-12-2022 to review the implementation of Road Map for Arctic Policy and contributed to the activities of identification of 2023 action plan and updation of the Road Map.
8. Meeting with the member, Capacity Building Commission (CBC) and his team was held on 14-12-2022 and the process of kick starting capacity building process was initiated.
9. Meeting with H.E. Mr. Hans Jacob Frydenlund, Ambassador of Norway was held on 15.12.2022 to discuss various bilateral cooperation issues including holding of next meeting of India Norway Joint Working Group (JWG), India's participation in Aqua Nor 2023 at Trondheim, marine spatial planning and cooperation on initiating sustainable marine cage culture.
10. Meeting was held with Sri Lankan High Commissioner officials on 30-12-2022 to discuss on proposal on Palk Bay Management Authority, and on the proposed joint management of fisheries in this area in order to reduce conflict.