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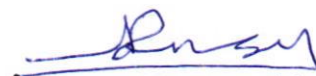
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Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 35<sup>th</sup> Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

11. A meeting was held on 22-12-2022 with technology providers to identify various safety solutions for fishermen including 5G application such as devices for piloting in the ocean with possible floater fixing points, use of digital watch as life safety solution and security & communication among vessels using 5G etc.
12. 43<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee meeting of National Fisheries Development board (NFDB) was held on 28-12-2022 at NFDB to review activities being taken up by NFDB under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and to take decisions on administrative and policy matters.
13. Meeting with Ambassador of Thailand to India HE Ms Pattarat Hongton was held on 20.12.2022 to discuss issues of mutual interest and bilateral cooperation including trade related matters. Further, it also agreed that Thailand side will share a draft MoU for institutionalization of bilateral cooperation in the areas of fisheries and aquaculture.
14. A National Webinar on “Insurance Coverage for Fisheries and Aquaculture” was held on 29-12-2022 as a part of ongoing celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. More than 170 participants from across the country attended the Webinar. Experts from CMFRI & Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. Presented their views and participated in the interaction thereafter. A discussion paper on how to take Aqua Insurance forward based on the deliberations as above is under preparation.
15. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) approved 02 applications of hatcheries and nauplii rearing hatcheries, 80 applications from 15 Aqua Input Manufacturers / Distributors companies for issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic free substances during the month. In addition, CAA inspected 281 farms and hatcheries located in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat collected water samples from the discharge points to check for compliance of license condition.
16. Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF) has finalized modernization/ upgradation plans for the fishing harbours of Petuaghat, Shankarpur, Kakdwip and Frasergunj located in West Bengal at a total cost of Rs. 110.82 crores.
17. Seven fishing vessels of the Fishery Survey of India (FSI) sailed and conducted the exploratory survey programs for fisheries resources and marine mammal survey programme in and around of the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Besides, Scientists of FSI participated in the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Twenty Fifth Session of the Scientific Committee meeting held on 05-12-2022 through virtual mode.
18. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) conducted 9 training and awareness activities and 60 outreach activities during the month covering 9,973 and 52,873 persons respectively.
19. The National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for 86 marine fisher women/ men comprising of 751 trainee days during the month.
20. Public Grievances: The Grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS Portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 96% as on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022.

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