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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
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 February, 2023 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 February, 2023 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 February, 2023 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

1. The Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Animal Husbandry and Dairying (FAHD) chaired the Inter-Session Meeting of the Consultative Committee of the FAHD Ministry to discuss on the Subject "Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture" on 06-02-2023 at Parliament House, New Delhi.
2. The Phase-3 of Sagar Parikrama program was conducted during 19-21 February 2023: it started from Hazira Gujarat on 19/02/2023 and ended at Sassoon Dock, Mumbai on 22/02/2023 covering fish landing centers/fisher habitation of Satpati, Vasai, Versova and Bhaucha Dhaka on the way. During the halts, interactions with fishermen were held, KCC camps were conducted and the problems narrated by the fishers were noted for further action. Hon'ble Minister (FAHD) was present throughout the program. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from the fishermen and drew large crowds. The concluding event at Sassoon Dock Mumbai on 21st February 2023 was attended by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and other functionaries of Govt. of Maharashtra.
3. The Hon'ble Minister for FAHD along with Hon'ble Minister of State for FAHD launched "The National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NSPAAD): Phase-II" being implemented at a cost of Rs 33.77 crore on 27/02/2023 at Chennai.
4. He also laid the foundation stone of the project of *Penaeus Indicus* (GIPPI)" on 27-02-2023 at Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA), Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The facility being created under the project will act as a Nucleus Breeding Centre (NBC) for *P. indicus*, an indigenous variety of shrimp and will go a long way in making India self-reliant in shrimp seed.
5. The Hon'ble Minister for FAHD along with Hon'ble Minister of State for FAHD Reviewed the working of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) on 28-02-2023 at NFDB, Hyderabad, Telangana.
6. The Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for FAHD met with the Hon'ble Fisheries Minister of Sri Lanka Mr. Douglas Devanand on 09-02-2023 at Jaffna, Sri Lanka and discussed a range of issues including return of fishermen boats and humane treatment to Indian fishermen.
7. The Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for FAHD also met Mr. Kader Masthan, Hon'ble MoS, Rural Economy, Govt. of Sri Lanka on 10/02/2023 and called on Mr. Ranil Wickramasinghe, Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka on 11/02/2023 at Jaffna, Sri Lanka and highlighted various efforts being taken in India, especially in the field of aquaculture, dairy cattle breed development etc. and on how these can benefit Sri Lanka. He also visited Talai Mannar pier, Point Pedro which is being developed with Indian support.
8. The Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for FAHD attended Post Budget Webinar on implementation of "Sustainable Agriculture in Mission Approach through Research and Technology based holistic intervention" (SAMARTH) strategies for implementation, and chaired the Breakout Sessions of Post Budget Webinar 2023-24 on the Subject "Strengthening Value Chain Efficiencies and Expanding Markets in Fisheries Sector" on 24/02/2023 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. A national webinar on 'Dry Fish Technologies and Consumer Market' was held on 20-02-2023 as a part of ongoing celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. It was attended by entrepreneurs, fishermen associations, department officers, scientists/faculty of universities, fisheries research institutes, and stakeholders from fisheries across the country. The webinar focused on how to improve price realization to fishers/farmers by using dry fish as an alternative warehousing solution for harvested fish.