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

1. Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (FAHD), Shri Parshottam Rupala, visited Baramulla in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on 2-3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023 and reviewed the grounding of projects and activities approved under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for development of fisheries and aquaculture in the district. He distributed Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) and sanction letters to the beneficiaries for setting up of aquaculture development units and transport facilities and also held interaction with fish farmers and fishers.
2. The Phase-4 of Sagar Parikrama program was conducted during 18-19 March, 2023: it started from Baithkol commercial port at Karwar, Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka on 18-03-2023 and ended at Mangalore, Dakshina Kannad, Karnataka on 19-03-2023 covering fisher habitations at Majali, Karwar, Zilla Rangamandira, Belambara, Manki and Murdeshwar of Uttara Kannada district and Alvekodi jetty, Malpe harbour, Uchhila and Mangalore of Dakshina Kannad district on the way. During the halts, interactions with fishermen were held. KCC cards were distributed and the problems narrated by the fishers were noted for further action. The Hon'ble Minister, FAHD was present throughout the program, accompanied by Hon'ble Minister of State, FAHD, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Government of Karnataka, officers of Government of Karnataka and local elected representatives. The program witnessed enthusiastic participation from the fishermen and drew large crowds.
3. Meeting of Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for FAHD with Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Guyana, Mr. Zulfikar Mustapha was held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. The potential areas of collaboration and technical support required from India were discussed alongwith joint venture/ partnerships between business from both the sides.
4. 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Central Apex Committee (CAC) of PMMSY was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 and 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 through Video Conference (VC) to consider various proposals under PMMSY. The CAC inter-alia, approved the proposals with total outlay of Rs. 494.06 crores for setting up of Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs) by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED).
5. The 39<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) meetings were held on 17<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 respectively and projects with total outlay of Rs. 2744.82 crores were appraised. PAC recommended for approval of projects of States, namely Andhra Pradesh,

Assam, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, West Bengal, and integrated aqua park of Uttarakhand and Andhra Pradesh and New Space India Limited, a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSI) under Department of Space, GoI at a total outlay of Rs. 2133.38 crores.

6. Meeting with Mr. Jong-Jin Kim, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative and Mr. Aziz Elbehri, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Representative was held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 wherein the possible area of technical collaborations with FAO in the field of fisheries and aquaculture were discussed.
7. In its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, the Cabinet approved the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) (Amendment) Bill, 2023 for introduction in the Parliament. The CAA (Amendment) Bill, 2023 seeks to decriminalise the offences under the existing CAA Act for promoting ease of doing business, promote newer forms of environment friendly coastal aquaculture, prevent the use of antibiotics and pharmacologically active substances, promote production, productivity and traceability in an environmentally sustainable manner.
8. Undergoing the importance of containing diseases in aquaculture, review was conducted in respect of National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases (NASPAAD) Phase-II was held. The focus of deliberations was on keeping fish and fishery products free from exotic pathogens, on rational use of chemicals/ drugs, on timely reporting of fish diseases and on providing timely solution to aquaculturists with respect to diseases.
9. CAA released its new logo and also launched the new facility of issue of downloadable Digital Certificates of Registration to farms and hatcheries and Certificate of Compliance for aqua inputs in an official function on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023.
10. Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) chaired a meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), National Co-operative Development Board (NCDC) and concerned State Governments to review the progress of projects approved under Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF).
11. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) and Deputy Commissioner (Fisheries) attended the negotiations on the Trade and Sustainable Development track of the India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 through Video Conference (VC).