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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Fisheries

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Subject: Circulation of Monthly Summary of principal activities and the important decisions taken by Ministries/ Departments to the Cabinet for the month of August, 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 August, 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 August, 2023 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

1. An Indian delegation led by Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala and Hon'ble Minister of State, MoFAHD, Dr. L. Murugan comprising of Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) and Fisheries Development Commissioner attended the Aqua Nor 2023, the biannual aquaculture exhibition and trade fair in Trondheim, Norway from 21st to 24th August 2023. The main objective of the visit was to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen the bilateral cooperation between India and Norway in the field of fisheries and aquaculture. The Indian delegation held bilateral meeting with Hon'ble Norwegian Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy, Mr. Bjørnar Selnes Skjæranon and discussed the possible areas of bilateral cooperation in fisheries and aquaculture. The delegation made field visits to major technological facilities involved in fisheries and aquaculture such as Scale AQ, Aquagen etc. to explore collaboration in the field of fisheries genetics and coldwater aquaculture.
2. Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala and Hon'ble Minister of State, MoFAHD, Dr. L. Murugan visited Thengapattinam, Colachel, Muttom, Thoothukudi, Tharuvaikulam, Mookaiyur Fishing Harbours, Rameswaram Fishing Jetty, attended laying of foundation stone and Bhoomi puja of Integrated Seaweed Park and interacted with fishermen, fishing community and fisher-women group doing seaweed cultivation during Sagar Parikrama Phase VIII held during 31st August to 2nd September, 2023.
3. Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Dr. L. Murugan chaired a review meeting with Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) officials and further held interaction with various stakeholders on 18th August, 2023 in Nandanam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
4. The Department of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, reviewed the progress of Fishing Harbour (FH) and Fish Landing Centre (FLC) projects sanctioned under Blue Revolution, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat on 08th August, 2023 and with States of Andhra

Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal on 09th August, 2023 respectively through Video Conference.

5. Secretary (Fisheries) visited Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA) Kausalyaganga on 16th August 2023 and reviewed the activities carried out by ICAR-CIFA and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)-National Fresh Water Fish Brood Bank (NFFBB), Bhubaneswar. Penthakata, a coastal village of Puri District was also visited to understand the grass root level issues faced by the fisher folk.
6. The Department organised a Video Conference meeting on 24th August, 2023 of all stakeholders on the promotion of Seaweed cultivation in Kori Creek area of Gulf of Kutch, Gujarat.
7. Two meetings were held for the 49th and 50th Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) on 01st and 17th August, 2023 for evaluating and appraising the project proposals of States/ UTs Annual Action Plan 2023-24 of West Bengal, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Andaman & Nicobar) and 4 Entrepreneur Model projects and Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, and Rajasthan for a total outlay of Rs. 618.67 crores with a central share of Rs.226.60 crores.
8. The Joint Secretary (Inland Fisheries) chaired a Fisheries and Aquaculture Industry Roundtable meeting organised by National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and Invest India on 16th August, 2023 at NFDB, Hyderabad. During the interaction, the future plans of the participating companies, industry specific issues and areas of support were discussed.
9. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) participated in the 26th Meeting of the Western Zonal Council on 28th August, 2023 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
10. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the Inter-Ministerial Meeting in preparation for the 6th BIMSTEC Summit - Energy Security sub-sector on 29th August, 2023 in Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.
11. The Parliamentary Committee on Official Language (OL) inspected/ reviewed the Visakhapatnam Zonal Base of Fishery Survey of India (FSI) on 24th August, 2023. The Committee reviewed the work done during the period from 01-07-2022 to 30-06-2023.

12. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) conducted 20 training and awareness activities and 209 outreach activities during the month of August, 2023 covering 15,200 and 6,16,749 persons respectively.
13. The Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) processed 202 applications including 81 applications for registration and renewal of registration of farms received from Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Goa and 121 applications for issuance of Certificate of Compliance for Antibiotic free aqua inputs. Inspections were made for 08 seed production units of shrimp in Andhra Pradesh as a part of registration process.
14. The Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) conducted 6 fishermen outreach training programme for 257 fishermen.
15. Two 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) during the month.
16. The National Institute of Fisheries Post Harvest Technology and Training (NIFPHATT) conducted training programme on post-harvest management for 25 marine fisher women/men comprising of 256 trainee days during the month.
17. The Grievance disposal under the CPGRAMS Portal for Department of Fisheries stood at 95% as on 31st August, 2023.
