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Government of India
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 December, 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 December, 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 December, 2023 in the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

1. The Department of Fisheries, Government of India hosted an international event - Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS) and Scientific Committee (SC) during 28th November - 4th December and 4th December - 8th December, 2023 respectively. Hon'ble Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala addressed the meeting through virtual mode at the concluding session of 19th Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS19) of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) on 4th December, 2023. Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS) for Fisheries, AHD and I&B, Minister of Fisheries, Govt of Maharashtra Shri. Sudhir Mungantiwar, Executive Secretary of the IOTC, Dr Paul de Bruyn; Chairperson of the IOTC Scientific Committee, Dr. Toshihide Kitakado (Japan), Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) also participated in the event.
2. Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala chaired the 10th Governing Body (GB) Meeting organized by National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on 26th December, 2023. Dr. Seediri Appalaraju, Minister of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Shri Mankal S Vaidya, Minister of Fisheries and Ports, Government of Karnataka and Fisheries officials of Tripura, Uttarakhand and Punjab participated in the meeting. Secretary (Fy), Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) and other senior officials of Department of Fisheries also attended the meeting. The meeting was also attended by 13 nominated non-official GB members from different States/ UTs. The non-official GB members highlighted issues faced by fishermen.
3. Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Information and Broadcasting (I&B), Dr. L. Murugan participated in the outreach activity of PMMSY at Bhavanisagar, Tamil Nadu on 23rd December, 2023.
4. Hon'ble Union Minister of FAH&D Shri Parshottam Rupala distributed the newly designed Otter Board to the fishermen of Veraval, Mangrol, and Porbandar, developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) funded under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme on 31st December, 2023.
5. Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) chaired a meeting to discuss the preventive and precautionary measures in view of low pressure area concentrated into a depression over Southeast adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal– Cyclone 'MICHAUNG with eastern coastal State of India on 1st December, 2023 for safety and security of fishermen and their assets.
6. The Secretary, Department of Fisheries chaired a review meeting on review the modernization/ upgradation of major fishing harbour sanctioned under Central Sector Scheme of PMMSY on 12th December, 2023.
7. The Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) attended the Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem (BOBLME)-Regional Inception Meeting and also the meeting of Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Project Phase II (BOBLME II)-Bangkok, Thailand between 12th-14th December, 2023 through virtual mode.
8. Joint Secretary (Marine Fisheries) chaired a meeting on the various prime issues on Expert Committee on Guidelines for management of Purse Seine (PS)/ Ring Seine (RS) fishing systems in the Indian territorial waters and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to the coastal States/ Union Territories (UTs) with respective stakeholders on 14th December, 2023 through virtual mode.