

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of July, 2018:-

Dairy & Cattle Sector:

- i) Based on the recommendation made by this Department, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce vide their notification dated 13.07.2018 has allowed 10% export incentive under Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) for all dairy products.
- ii) Subsequently, after a series of meeting held on 17.7.2018 and 18.7.2018 of the Hon'ble Ministers of Road Transport and Highways, Finance and Agriculture, it was decided to increase the export incentive under MEIS from 10% to 20% for export of milk and milk products under ITC HS code 0401, 0402, 0403, 0404 and 0406 with immediate effect so that the benefit of MEIS be shared with the farmers from whom the milk is procured. This decision also conveyed to Department of Commerce for its execution.
- iii) During the month an amount of Rs 27.94 crore has been released to Uttarakhand for sex sorted semen production facility at Semen Station, located at Rishikesh. For the first time in the country, sex sorted semen production facility is being created. This will benefit large number of farmers through the birth of only female calves and higher milk production. This technique will also be beneficial in long run to overcome crisis of stray cattle in the country.

Fishery Sector:

- i) The Union Government in its Budget 2018 has set aside Rs.7,550 crore for setting up of a dedicated Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF). Accordingly, Cabinet Note has been prepared to fill the large infrastructure gaps in fisheries sector through developing infrastructure project such as fishing harbours/ fish landing centres, fish seed farms, fish feed mills/ plants, cage culture in reservoirs, mariculture activities, introduction of deep sea fishing vessels, setting up of disease diagnostic and aquatic quarantine facilities, creation of cold chain infrastructure facilities such as ice plants, storage, fish transport facilities, fish processing units, fish markets etc. the final draft of CCEA note sent for consideration of cabinet.

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Animal Husbandry Statistics:

- i) A Video Conference was held under the Chairmanship of Animal Husbandry Commissioner with Principal Secretaries of all States/UTs to review the implementation of various issues related to Fisheries and Livestock census such as (a) Procurement of tablets; (b) Updation of LG directory by the States/UTs; and (c) The modifications suggested by the States/ UTs regarding the software developed by NIC for collection of data of 20th Livestock Census in digital mode.
- ii) The All India Training of Trainers of 20th Livestock Census was held at NASC, ICAR, New Delhi on 20th July, 2018 with States/ UTs.

National Livestock Mission:

- i) Regular Weekly Meeting of Crop Weather Watch Group for Drought Management (CWWGDM) were held followed by a Video Conference with State Governments for monitoring drought situation in the country as well as fodder situation.

International Cooperation:

- i) Secretary (ADF) along with Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser participated in 33rd Session of the Committee of Fisheries (COFI) organized by FAO in Rome from 9th to 13th July, 2018.
- ii) One officer each from Cattle & Dairy Division participated in the Overseas Training-cum-Exposure visit for Animal Breeding and Animal Health activities under National Dairy Plan-I organized by the University of Queensland School of Veterinary Science in Association with Chamberlain Veterinary Services Pvt. Ltd., in Australia from 9th to 14th July, 2018.
- iii) One officer each from Fishery and National Livestock Mission Division participated in the Joint Committee Meeting on Co-operation in the field of Rural Development organized by Ministry of Rural Development in Mauritius from 16th to 19th July, 2018.
- iv) Joint Secretary (Fisheries) along with one officer from Fishery Division participated in the Negotiating Group on Rules (NGR) Fisheries Subsidies cluster meeting organized by World Trade Organization in Geneva from 23rd to 25th July, 2018.
- v) Joint Secretary (Livestock Health) participated in the Regional Seminar for World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) National Focal Points for Communication in China from 24th to 26th July, 2018 organized by OIE in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture, People's Republic of China.

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- vi) One officer from National Livestock Division participated in the Inter-Country Meeting to review implementation of National Action Plans on AMR organized by World Health Organization at Bangkok, Thailand from 25th to 27th July, 2018.
- vii) A delegation from Fishery Survey of India participated in the survey on board of the research vessel Dr.Fridtjof Nansen (FAO) organized by United Nation (FAO) in Sri Lanka & Bangladesh from 19th to 31st July, 2018.

Grievance disposal:

The Grievance disposal for DADF is 97% under CPGRAM portal.
