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Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of November, 2022.

1. Cattle & Dairy Development:

- i. During the National Milk Day Celebration organized by the Department at Bengaluru, Karnataka on 26.11.2022, Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Dr Sanjeev Kumar Balyan presented National Gopal Ratna Awards 2022 to the winners of the Best Dairy Farmer rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds, Best Artificial Insemination Technician and Best Dairy Cooperative Society (DCS)/ Milk Producer Company/ Dairy Farmer Producer Organization in the country. The winners were felicitated with a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh for 1st rank, Rs. 3 lakh for 2nd rank and Rs. 2 lakh for 3rd rank along with a Certificate of merit and a memento in each category.
- ii. During the National Milk Day Celebration, Dr Sanjeev Balyan, Hon'ble MoS also laid the foundation stone of Advanced Training Facility at Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute at Hesaraghatta, Karnataka Virtually. Further, he launched the Bovine IVF-(Invitro-fertilization) activities at Central Cattle Breeding Farm, Hesaraghatta, Bengaluru.
- iii. Secretary, AHD chaired the 2nd Central Project Steering Committee meeting under the National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) on 22nd November, 2022 to discuss policy interventions for its smooth implementation.

2. Livestock Health:

- i. On confirmation and re-confirmation of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in Cattle in the States of Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Bihar, the Department communicated advisory related to vaccination &

treatment to control and contain the disease in a definite time line.

- ii. The Department deputed Central team to visit Jammu and Kashmir and the State of Maharashtra to assist the State/UT for control and containment of LSD and to provide necessary technical assistance on the ground.
- iii. The Department provided comments on the import of restricted item Bovine Semen from Brazil in regard to technical requirements and testing for the diseases like Trichomoniasis, Blue Tongue and Para Tuberculosis.
- iv. The Department participated in ninth South-East Asia Antimicrobial Stewardship Webinar Series 2022 (One Health Plus Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship Approach) on 18 November, 2022.
- v. The Department constituted a committee for Monitoring and Evaluation of Oral bait Vaccine (OBV) for preparation of action plan in respect of State of Goa for canine rabies control which also include risk analysis of human exposure.
- vi. The Department constituted a committee of technical experts to review the notifications related to import of skin/hides and declaration of irreversible process of tanning in light of possible threats of ingress of LSD, ASF and FMD (exotic strains).
- vii. Under NADCP so far, on a cumulative basis, 25.03 crore cattle and buffaloes have been ear tagged and 14.78 crore cattle and buffaloes have been vaccinated against FMD. Further, 1.39 crore vaccinations cumulative against Brucellosis have been undertaken. During the month of November, 2022, no animals were ear-tagged and 175 lakh animals were vaccinated against FMD and 36 female bovine calves were vaccinated against Brucellosis.

3. National Livestock Mission (NLM):

- i. The Department has reduced the size of number of animals required for Breed Multiplication Farm for Sheep, Goat and Pig Entrepreneurship Scheme under NLM.
- ii. A Pastoralist Cell has been established under National Livestock Mission.

4. Trade:

The new Building of Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) was inaugurated on 26.11.2022 at Hesaraghatta, Bengaluru by Hon'ble MoS Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan. Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) has Animal Quarantine Facility to undertake quarantine of imported animals.

5. International Cooperation (IC):

- i. A meeting between Secretary, AHD and Russian Delegation led by Ms. Daria Isakova, Head of Directorate for International Cooperation and Veterinary Control of Export/Import and Transportation of Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Rosselkhoznadzor) was held on 17.11.2022 to discuss mutual market access of livestock products. The issues discussed during the meeting included, inter alia, export of poultry, dairy, fish and pig products etc from Russia to India & export of Indian Buffalo meat, Dairy products, poultry products to Russia.
- ii. A meeting between Joint Secretary (IC/Trade) and Mr. Mariano Beheran, Agriculture Attachee, Embassy of Argentina in India was held on 01.11.2022 to discuss bilateral cooperation between both the countries including issues of Market Access of Indian Dairy, Poultry and Indian Buffalo meat in Argentina and export of milk products, Bovine Semen for medicinal uses from Argentina to India.
- iii. A meeting between Joint Secretary (IC/Trade) and Mr. Konstantin Malashenkov, Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation in the Republic of India was held on 22.11.2022 as a follow up to the discussions held in the meeting between myself and Russian Delegation. Market Access issues and other issues of bilateral cooperation between both the countries were discussed during the meeting.
- iv. A meeting between Joint Secretary (IC/Trade) and H.E Mr. Juan