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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

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

1. Livestock Health:

- i. Department communicated the advisory to States regarding the safe administration of FMD and Goat Pox vaccine to the same cattle simultaneously.
- ii. On confirmation of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in Cattle in the state of Chhattisgarh, Department communicated the advisory related to vaccination treatment and control to control and contain the disease in definite time line.
- iii. The Department issued the advisory to the states in respect to carpet vaccination/preventive vaccination in non-affected areas as well as controlled vaccination in affected areas/epicentres to control and contain the Lumpy Skin Disease in Cattle.
- iv. The Department communicated to the states to follow the uniform rate of Goat Pox Vaccine (Rs.5.25/-per dose, inclusive of GST for 100 doses pack) through the central tendering process for procurement of Goat Pox vaccine.
- v. The Department organised virtual meeting with LSD affected states on 14.10.2022 regarding vaccination status and control and containment operations and also shared the revised control and vaccination guidelines.
- vi. The Department communicated the animal certification and identification guidelines under items and norms in regard to eligibility for compensation on animal mortality to MHA in respect to assistance to states through SDRF and NDRF.
- vii. Department, further decentralized the Lumpy Skin disease (LSD) testing/screening through PCR in the areas confirmed by ICAR-NIHSAD by authorizing College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU), Patna, State Disease Diagnostic Centre, Jaipur, Centre for Diagnosis, Surveillance and Response of Zoonotic (CDSRZ), Post Graduate Institute of Veterinary Education &

Research (PGIVER), University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (RAJUVAS), Jaipur, ICAR - National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (NIVEDI), Bengaluru and College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Kamdhenuuni University, Gujarat for rapid diagnosis and control measures accordingly.

- viii. The Department provided the background / updated note on spread of Lumpy Skin Disease in Cattle in the Country and issues related therewith to Lok Sabha Secretariat in regard to Standing Committee on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food Processing (2022-23).
- ix. On confirmation of incidence of African Swine Fever (ASF) in pigs in the State of Maharashtra, the Department communicated the advisory related to control and contain the disease in definite time line.
- x. Under NADCP so far, on a cumulative basis, 25.03 crore cattle and buffaloes have been ear tagged and 13.03 crore cattle and buffaloes have been vaccinated against FMD. Further, 1.17 crore cumulative vaccination against Brucellosis has been undertaken. During the month of October, 2022, around 02 lakh animals were ear-tagged and 60 lakh animals were vaccinated against FMD.

2. National Livestock Mission (NLM):

Secretary, AHD took a meeting to review Fodder situation in the Country on 6th October, 2022 through virtual mode with the representatives of State, Indian Council of Agriculture Research and Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in compliance to the decision taken by Cabinet Secretary on 4th October, 2022.

3. Credit, Extension & Publicity (CEP):

- i. The Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala and Lt. Governor of J&K launched 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) Programme & Mobile Veterinary Units in Jammu & Kashmir on 11th October, 2022. Publications including A-HELP Joint Implementation Guidelines and Healthy Animals, Healthy People were released and Hon'ble Minister handed over the Sanction letters under AHDF- KCC.
- ii. Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying attended the valedictory function of the first training Batch of A-HELP on 27.10.2022 at the Sher-e-Kashmir university of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Srinagar campus and distributed course completion cum accreditation certificates.

4. International Cooperation (IC):

- i. A meeting between Joint Secretary (IC/Trade) and New Zealand Delegation led by Ms. Melanie Phillips, Agriculture Counsellor, New Zealand High Commission in New Delhi was held on 10.10.2022 in Krishi Bhawan New Delhi. Market Access issues between both the countries and cooperation in FMD control were inter alia discussed during the meeting. New Zealand side also extended an invitation to Hon'ble FAHD Minister to visit New Zealand to undertake field visits to meat processing centres, research and development institutes, tagging system offices in New Zealand and hold bilateral meetings with New Zealand counterparts.
- ii. A meeting between Joint Secretary (IC/Trade) and Mr. Michiel van Erkel the Netherland's Agriculture Counsellor was held on 12.10.2022 in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss bilateral cooperation between both the countries. During the meeting, Market Access issues including issue of import of Atlantis variety of bovine semen, horses , Betaine HCL (feed additive) from the Netherlands to India along with issues of Market Access of Indian dairy products and buffalo meat in the Netherlands were discussed. Further, proposal for signing of JDI in the field of Animal Husbandry and Dairying between both the countries and the proposal for establishment of Indo Dutch Centre of Excellence in Dairy was also discussed.
- iii. A virtual meeting between Joint Secretary (IC/Trade) and Egyptian authorities co-chaired by Dr Wafaa Mamdouh Mohamed, Head of the Central Department of Veterinary Quarantine and Examinations, Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Egypt was held on 25.10.2022 to discuss bilateral cooperation between the two countries. Issues of Veterinary Sciences including cooperation opportunities in the field of training for Egyptian veterinarians granted by the Indian side, potential of providing Indian experiences and technologies related to the developing and modernizing veterinary centers/points all over Egypt, cooperation on veterinary vaccines and serums manufacturing etc were discussed during the meeting. Further, Market Access issues including cooperation in the field of import and export of milk and milk products, possibility of export of Egyptian poultry and its products to India and Market Access of Indian sheep/goat meat in Egypt were also discussed.

5. Budget:

For the year 2022-23, up to October, 2022, against the Budget Estimate of Rs. 4288.84 Crore, the expenditure was Rs. 818.37 Crore. During the month of October, 2022, Expenditure for the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying was Rs. 75.88 Crore.

6. Social Media Activities:

During the month, tweeter page of the Department was hit by 79, 742 followers. Under Social Media activities, 155 creative posts were made, 181 tweets & 1288 re-tweets were done, 3 Video & GIF were created. Facebook of the Department had 1,31,979 followers. Koo account of the Department has 103,000 followers. LinkedIn has 1163 followers and Instagram has 900 followers by the end of October, 2022.

7. Grievance disposal:

The Grievance disposal for Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is 95% under CPGRAM portal.
