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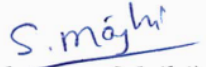
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the month of April, 2020 in respect of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying- reg.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith Monthly Summary of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying for the month of April, 2020 containing principal activities undertaken, important decisions taken and progress of action taken on decisions of the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees for kind information.

Encl: as above.

  
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- 6) Technical Director, NIC, DAHD with the request to upload the enclosed document in the Departmental website.

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Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of April, 2020.

**1. Cattle & Dairy Development:**

i. Daily situation of milk procurement, processing and sales by Cooperatives and major private dairies was monitored since 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and daily report was regularly sent to 0/o Hon'ble Home Minister, Home Secretary and Hon'ble Ministers of this Ministry.

ii. All cooperatives and private dairies were contacted on daily basis through mail, telephonically and Whats Up messages to convey their difficulties faced for supply of milk and raw materials. Besides, they were also requested to convey their difficulties in movement of staff, transporter etc. The Department regularly communicated with all State Home Secretaries to resolve these issues besides taking up these issues with Covid-19 Control Room of MHA. Further, Video Conferences with all cooperatives and major private dairies were conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 respectively to sort out their issues.

iii. Feedbacks were also obtained regarding management of surplus milk, on which the dairy organizations suggested to arrange for interest subvention on working capital loan. In view of the suggestions made, DAHD formulated a scheme for providing interest subvention on working capital to assist Dairy Cooperatives as a component of ongoing scheme. In this regard, in-principle approval of Department of Expenditure was also obtained and scheme component guidelines are being issued.

iv. Draft EFC note on White Revolution umbrella scheme covering sub-schemes - National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD), Support to Dairy Cooperative & Farmer Producer Organisation (SDCFPO) and Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) have been issued for the Inter- Ministerial Consultation.

v. Specific protocol for all Stakeholders of Dairy operations was prepared in English, Hindi and other languages alongwith pictorial presentation of protocol. This was shared with all States and out of 190 tweets made by the Departmental Twitter handle, 48 tweets were related to awareness of safety measures for COVID-19 during the month.



vi. Secretary, AHD regularly participated on daily basis in logistics Empowered Group interactions for suggesting directions required from Government to keep the livestock operations running.

## **2. Livestock Health:**

i. On confirmation of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) positive cases by National Institute of High Security Animal Disease (N I H S A D), Bhopal in Maharashtra, the Department issued the requisite advisory to the affected State regarding bio-security measures, preventive ring vaccination and clinical surveillance for effective control and containment of the disease.

ii. On the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, the Department offered services of veterinary laboratories as well as equipment to the Ministry of Health for COVID testing. Also, the Department informed the concerned Empowered Group on COVID for skilling, the number and actual availability of veterinarians and para-veterinarians (up to district level).

iii. On the issue of unusual pig mortality in the states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, the Department directed these States for initial testing at North Eastern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (NERDDL) and Veterinary College, Khanapara for confirmation of Classical Swine Fever (CSF) with the help of ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig (ICAR-NRC, Pig), Rani, Guwahati. Additionally, the ICAR- North Eastern Hill Region (ICAR-NEH), Barapani and Veterinary College, Khanapara were requested to carry out requisite testing to confirm any other disease other than Classical Swine Fever (CSF).

iv. The states were also directed to adhere to the Department's advisory of June 2019 and take all bio-security and bio-safety measures. Department issued an advisory to all NE states including Assam and Arunachal Pradesh and West Bengal as well as to the Forest Departments of these states in connection with surveillance on wild and feral pigs regarding taking immediate steps in respect of bio-security, isolation of affected animals, disinfection, personal hygiene etc.

v. On confirmation of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh by National Institute of High Security Animal Disease (NIHSAD), Bhopal vide report dated 29.04.2020, the Department issued advisory and action plan for control and containment of African Swine Fever (ASF) in affected States and to prevent further spread of ASF.

vi. Following confirmation of Avian Influenza (H5N1) Outbreak in the State of Bihar during April, 2020, appropriate advisory was issued to the State. Accordingly, the

State completed control and containment operations and issued the necessary sanitary certificate. Post Operation Surveillance Plan (POS P) was issued by the Department on 29.04.2020. No further report of any bird mortality has been received from the affected State. The affected State has carried out sanitization and disinfection in the affected areas and the surveillance is underway.

### 3. National Livestock Mission:

- i. A meeting of all States/ UTs Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Secretaries and Directors of Animal Husbandry & Dairying was held on 24th April 2020 under Chairmanship of Minister (Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying) to assess status of Dairy (Milk & milk products) situation, status of damage to poultry sector and all aspects related to revival of Livestock Sector including resumption of FMD vaccination programmes. 32 States/ UTs were represented by their officials in the meeting.
- ii. The Department has finalized two EFC Memos namely rationalized National Livestock Mission and Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund. Out of two EFC memos, NLM EFC has been circulated seeking comments of line Ministries/ Departments.
- iii. For the first-time the Department has prepared concept document for establishment of Livestock Livelihood Business Incubation Centre (LLBI) in utilizing the land of Departmental Livestock and Fodder Farms. Establishment of LLBI is an initiative for the first time in the Animal Husbandry Sector for training of entrepreneurs for future livelihood creation.
- iv. The Animal Welfare Board of India also issued advisories with regard to cruelty to animals reported in the various parts of the country due to rumors of spreading of COVID- 19 by the pet animals, allowing animal feeder to feed the stray animals and dogs etc.

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