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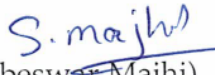
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 17th June, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the month of May, 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 May, 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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Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of May, 2020.

1. Cattle & Dairy Development:

- i. Special drive was planned from 1st June, 2020 for 2 months for providing all dairy farmers of Milk Cooperative and Milk Producer Companies with Kisan Credit Card. The target to provide KCC to 1.5 crore dairy farmers was decided in consultation with DFS in pursuance of Finance Minister's announcement of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan stimulus package which included covering 2.5 cr new farmers under KCC scheme. The circular regarding this special drive was issued by Department and DFS.
- ii. A preliminary meeting regarding the special drive for providing all dairy farmers of Dairy Cooperatives and Milk Producer Companies with Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) was held with all State Secretaries and MDs of State Cooperative Milk Federations through VC. This meeting with all States was also utilized for reviewing the progress of fund utilization under various schemes of Department.
- iii. The Department vide DO letters dated 22.05.2020 and 27.05.2020 requested Department of Revenue, PMO and CEO, NITI Aayog to consider placing before GST Council, the proposal for reduction of GST rates on Ghee and Butter from 12% to 5% at par with GST rates of 5% applicable to Edible oils. It was further impressed upon in this letter that such measures would boost the demand of such products which would help in growth of Dairy Sector in present difficult times.
- iv. Due to Economic Impact of Covid-19 on Dairy Sector, the Department introduced a new component "Interest Subvention on Working Capital loans for Dairy Sector" as one of the component under its scheme "Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer organizations engaged in dairy activities" (SDC&FPO). The operational guideline for "Interest Subvention on Working Capital loans for Dairy sector" was issued on 13.05.2020. This new component was introduced to assist cooperative dairy sector, due to blocked capital of those cooperatives who continued to procure more milk than normal while selling much lesser milk due to lockdown and converting the collected liquid milk into powder.
- v. During lockdown, the Department continued to regularly monitor procurement, processing and supply of milk by the major Dairy Cooperatives and Private Dairies on daily basis for ensuring regular supply of milk to the consumers.

- vi. A meeting of Indian National Committee- International Dairy Federation (INC-IDF) was convened on 13.5.2020 under my Chairmanship through Video Conference, to discuss the progress on preparation of World Dairy Summit- 2022 to be organized in India and the approval of the Agreement between IDF and INC-IDF for hosting the World Dairy Summit (WDS) 2022 in India. The present dairy situation due to lockdown effect was also discussed along with suggested measures with all major dairy stakeholders.

2. Livestock Health:

- i. On confirmation of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) virus from Beed in Maharashtra by National Institute of High Security Animal Disease (NIHSAD), the State was asked to take actions as per the advisory of the Department regarding bio- security measures, preventive ring vaccination and clinical surveillance for effective control and containment of the disease. No further outbreaks were reported from other states.
- ii. In view of the unusual mortality of pigs in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, the reason was ascertained to be due to African Swine Fever (ASF), an exotic disease of pigs, as confirmed by National Institute of High Security Animal Disease (NIHSAD) by way of virus isolation. The States were advised to take immediate bio-security and bio-safety measures like restriction of pig movement in and across all the NE states (including West Bengal), appropriate carcass disposal, etc. Accordingly, both states have been sending reports (Daily and Weekly) of pig mortality therein. A Contingency Plan was also sent wherein stamping out the pig population in the infected zones around the epicenters was advised.
- iii. A control room was set up in the Department comprising of veterinarians of the Department. Also, a Committee of experts was set up to review the contingency plan, rates of compensation for culling of pigs by the state, management and control of ASF. The rates of compensation for culling the pigs in the infected zone around the epicenter and destruction of feed therein as well as the mode of payment (online into bank accounts of the beneficiaries) were advised. The report regarding occurrence of African Swine Fever (ASF) was sent to World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). No further outbreaks of ASF have been reported from other States.
- iv. On receipt of Post Operation Surveillance Plan (POSP), results from National Institute of High Security Animal Disease (NIHSAD), Bhopal, the Government Poultry Farming Region Baikunthpur, Chhattisgarh was declared free from Avian Influenza Virus (H5) and restrictions were lifted. All AI incidences were also reported to World Organization for Animal Health(OIE).
- v. Two Veterinary colleges (College of Veterinary Sciences, Meerut under Sardar

Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture & Technology, Meerut (UP) and Apollo College of Veterinary Medicine, Jaipur under Rajasthan University of Veterinary & Animal Science, Bikaner (Rajasthan)) were included in the First Schedule of Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984.

3. National Livestock Mission:

- i. Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) of Rs. 15000 cr for incentivizing private sector investment in dairy and meat processing and value addition infrastructure was announced as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan Stimulus package of Rs. 20 lakh crore. Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) held on 21st May, 2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary Expenditure recommended the proposal for setting up of Rs. 15000 crore AHIDF which proposes to provide 3% Interest Subvention to investors and credit guarantee to all projects falling within defined ceiling of MSME.
- ii. As part of package for livelihood creation of Migrant labourers, Entrepreneurship Development and Employment Generation component of National Livestock Mission was included for Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan Programme to be undertaken for 116 districts.
