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Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

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

1. Cattle & Dairy Development:

- i. On 15.07.2022, Secretary (AHD) reviewed the milk situation in the country with Cooperative and Private Dairies of the Country. It was decided to prepare action plan for creating a buffer stock of SMP and white butter considering demand supply equation.
- ii. A meeting was held with World Bank (India Office) officials on 27.07.2022 for preparation of DPR of National Dairy Plan Phase II (NDP II) Scheme.
- iii. Guidelines was issued to adjudge the National Gopal Ratna Award in Animal Husbandry & Dairying sector during 2022 to all stakeholders inviting nominations in three categories viz. 1. Best Dairy farmer rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds, 2. Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT) and 3. Best Dairy Cooperative Society/ Milk producer Company/ Dairy Farmer Producer Organisation. Applications are invited online through award portal of M/o Home Affairs (MHA) i.e. <https://awards.gov.in> starting from 01.08.2022 and the closing date of receipt of applications is 15.09.2022. The awards are to be conferred by Hon'ble Prime Minister/ Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries and Animal Husbandry & Dairying on the occasion of National Milk day (26th November, 2022).

2. Livestock Health:

- i. Department nominated Officers for "Animal Health Asia Summit-2022," organized by Indian Chamber of Food Agriculture (ICFA) during July 6-7 July, 2022, in New Delhi. Department provided the logo and technical support to the Summit keeping in view the opportunities and challenges for ensuring food and nutrition security in relation to animal health.
- ii. Department participated in Regional Workshop on ASF Management Planning on 8th July 2022 at Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati organized jointly by Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, Government of Assam, World Bank aided APART project in Assam and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).

- iii. Department nominated Officer for the second ASF advisory committee meeting held on 5.7.2022 at College of Veterinary Science, Khanapara, Guwahati in hybrid mode.
- iv. Keeping in view the incidence and re-incidence of African Swine Fever (ASF) in NE States and in Bihar, The Department issued advisories to all the States/UTs to ensure bio-containment measures and active surveillance as per ASF National Action Plan so that African Swine Fever (ASF), an otherwise exotic disease, is controlled, contained and eradicated from the country within a definite timeline.
- v. Department keeping in view the deaths of pigs in the State of Uttar Pradesh and NCT-Delhi issued advisories to ensure bio-containment measures and active surveillance as per ASF National Action Plan.
- vi. On confirmation of incidence of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in Himachal Pradesh Punjab and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, advisories were issued to States and UT's with advice to take immediate bio-security and bio-safety measures including ring vaccination to control and contain the disease in a definite timeline.
- vii. Department provided inputs on animal health to APEDA for facilitating the export of buffalo meat to Thailand.
- viii. Department granted permission to the Department of Microbiology, College of Veterinary Science, Guwahati for publishing a manuscript on parrot borna virus in targeted journal ActaVirologica with the advice to develop general advisory related to pathogenecity, epidemiology, transmission, biosecurity and control strategies for the benefit of animal owners, veterinarians, wild life authorities and animal health authorities.
- ix. Department conducted virtual meeting on African Swine Fever (ASF) with ICAR- NIHSAD, Bhopal, RDDDLs and the States of UP, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Jharkhand including NCT-Delhi for control, containment and preparedness in regard to incidences of ASF in the country.
- x. On confirmation of incidence of ASF in the State of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and UT of NCT-Delhi, Department issued the advisory and National Action Plan with advice to strictly implement the measures for immediate control and containment of ASF in pigs.
- xi. The central team visited the States and UT of Rajasthan, Gujarat and NCT-Delhi to sensitize the States/UT for strict implementation of control and containment operations for Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) and preparedness for African Swine Fever (ASF). Advisory on Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) issued to the states of Rajasthan and Gujarat for strict implementation of control and containment measures and necessary preparedness for timely control of LSD.

- xii. Considering the incidence of ASF in Kerala, the Department authorized Southern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (SRDDL) for screening/surveillance of ASF through polymerase chain reaction (PCR)/Real-Time PCR test.
- xiii. During the month, around 0.39 crore animals were ear-tagged and around 1.06 crore animals were vaccinated against FMD. So far 2.35 lakh animals have been vaccinated against Brucella.

3. National Livestock Mission (NLM):

- i. Cabinet Note for amendment of The Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 circulated for comments from line Ministries.
- ii. A Conclave on Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund Scheme was organized by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on July 14, 2022. The Conclave was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Parshottam Rupala along with Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Hon'ble Minister of State, AHD and other dignitaries.
 - Four projects set up under the Scheme were also virtually inaugurated during the program by the Hon'ble Ministers. 75 beneficiaries were felicitated for successfully setting up projects under the Scheme. Top three banks (HDFC Bank, SBI and Canara Bank) and States (Maharashtra, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh) were also felicitated. Hon'ble Ministers thereafter released the Implementation Guidelines 2.0 on the Scheme (updated with all the amendments till date) and a booklet on Success Stories of AHIDF Scheme. The Hon'ble Ministers also launched the updated and revamped AHIDF portal developed by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and also the portal of Nabsanrakshan Trustee Co. Pvt Ltd. for managing the Credit cover for eligible projects.
 - The event witnessed the wide and enthusiastic participation from more than 600 participants from different sectors of Livestock Sector, Central and State Government agencies, Common Service Centers, entrepreneurs assisted under the Scheme, future entrepreneurs, Industry associations, bankers, consultants and other stakeholders. Three technical sessions on relevant topics were also organized during the Conclave which saw spirited participation from the audience.

4. International Cooperation (IC):

- i. A meeting between Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (FAHD) and Argentine Delegation led by H.E Mr. Hugo Javier Gobbi, Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to India, was held on 07.07.2022 to discuss bilateral cooperation and issues between the two countries. In the

meeting, the Argentine side explained their expertise in the field of food production and export potential of agricultural products. Argentine side also offered their expertise in controlling Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Brucellosis as Argentina has been free from these diseases for a number of years. Indian side took stock of Argentine Indigenously developed vaccine for controlling such diseases and their export potential. Both sides mutually agreed, among other things, to explore new avenues of bilateral cooperation by exchange of knowledge and by taking advantage of each other's experiences in related fields to enhance mutual capacities. Further, Indian side expressed their interest of exporting frozen buffalo meat and poultry products to Argentina.

- ii. A meeting between Joint Secretary (IC) and Colombian Delegation led by H.E. Mariana Pacheco Montes, Ambassador of Colombia to India was held on 01.07.2022 to discuss bilateral cooperation including market access of animal origin products between both the countries. In the meeting, Colombian side expressed their interest in market access of pork and pork products in India. JS (IC) also highlighted that Pork and Pork Products can be imported into India subject to the fulfillment of the Veterinary Health Certificate for import of Pork and Pork products. JS (IC) emphasized the export potential of Indian animal origin products to different countries of the world. Both the sides desired to have an institutional framework to discuss bilateral cooperation between the two countries and agreed to set up a Joint Working Group/Technical Working Group under the aegis of the MoU proposed to be signed between DA&FW and Colombia for cooperation in the field of Agriculture & Allied sectors.
- iii. A meeting between Joint Secretary (IC) with Ms Lucia Paternina, Chief Economic & Commercial Counselor, Embassy of Spain in New Delhi was held on 05.07.2022 to discuss Market Access Issues between both the countries. Issues like Veterinary health certificate for export of animal feed, Milk and Milk Products etc. from Spain to India were discussed. Similarly, scope of Market Access of Indian animal origin products like Indian Frozen buffalo meat, egg powder, Indian Dairy products etc in Spain was also discussed.

5. Credit, Extension & Publicity (CEP):

The launching of training programme for the first batch of A-HELP held on 23rd July, 2022 at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh followed by meeting of Joint National Level Steering Committee (JNLSC) under the co-chairmanship of Secretary, DAHD and Secretary, MoRD to review the implementation of A-HELP in State of Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar and Jharkhand on pilot basis.

Logo of A-HELP and Booklet on comprehensive support for entrepreneurs and success stories of progressive farmers were also launched during the event.

6. Budget:

For the year 2022-23, up to July, 2022, against the Budget Estimate (RE) of Rs. 4288.84 Crore, the expenditure was Rs. 448.55Crore. During the month of July, 2022, Expenditure for the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying was Rs. 50.14 Crore.

7. Social Media Activities:

During the month, tweeter page of the Department was hit by 72,637 followers. Under Social Media activities, 162 creative posts were made, 208 tweets & 1153 re-tweets were done, 2 Video & GIF were created. Facebook of the Department had 1,30,296 followers. Koo account of the Department has 57,500 followers. LinkedIn has 920 followers and Instagram has 691 followers by the end of July, 2022.
