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Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month of April, 2023.

1. Cattle & Dairy Development:

1. Administrative Approval for the scheme Supportive Dairy Cooperative and Farmer Producer Organisation (SDCFPO) for the year 2023-24 issued on 17.04.2023.

2. Livestock Health:

- i. On confirmation of re-incidence of Lumpy skin disease (LSD) in Bihar, Department communicated the advisory and guidelines to the state for timely control and containment of LSD and to prevent further spread of disease.
- ii. Department circulated the Guidance in respect to annual vaccination/re-vaccination of LSD as per LSD Control Guidelines to all the States and UTs.
- iii. On confirmation of confirmation of re-incidence of ASF in the state of Bihar, Department issued the advisory and National Action Plan with advise to strictly implement the measures for immediate control and containment of ASF in pigs.
- iv. Department deputed the Central Team to assist the State Government of Maharashtra and to provide technical suggestions on ground for timely control and containment of Lumpy Skin Disease.
- v. Department nominated the officer to participate in inter-sectoral consultation in Gangtok from 25th and 26th April, 2023 for the preparation of the State Action Plan for Containment of Anti-Microbial Resistance with the "One Health approach" in alignment with the National Action Plan (NAP-AMR) organized by the Government of Sikkim in collaboration with the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and the USAID's Infectious Diseases Detection and Surveillance (IDDS) project.

- vi. Under National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) So far, on a cumulative basis, 25.16 crore cattle and buffaloes have been ear tagged and 24.18 crore cattle and buffaloes have been vaccinated against FMD (round-II). Total 35 states/UTs have completed the FMD round II vaccination and shared the closure report and ongoing state is Arunachal Pradesh. Further, in round (III) 4.22 Cr. vaccination is done against 4.95 Cr. vaccines supplied to 10 states. Vaccination is ongoing in Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi & Tamil Nadu. Further, 2.10 crores of cumulative vaccination against Brucellosis has been undertaken. During the month of April 2023 around 0.11 crore animals were vaccinated against FMD and 12 lakh female bovine calves were vaccinated against Brucellosis.

3. International Cooperation (IC):

1. A round table discussion with 12 countries namely Kenya, Algeria, Namibia, South Africa, Ethiopia, Sudan, Ghana, Mali, Uganda, Djibouti, Morocco, Mauritius was held under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (IC/Trade) on 13.04.2023 in association with the Invest India at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe to discuss issues related to market access, tariffs, and challenges faced by the traders of the two countries with respect to dairy, animal feed, and other livestock products.
2. An India-Russia Technical Working Group meeting was held between Joint Secretary (IC/Trade) and Russian delegation led by Mr. Artem Daushev, Joint Secretary of the Russian Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Rosselkhoznadzor) on 17.4.2023 to discuss market access issues of animal origin products between the two countries. During the meeting Russian side flagged the issues of export of pet food and dairy products from Russia to India. Similarly, Indian side emphasized the inspection of Indian establishments having export potential to Russian market.
3. A meeting between Joint Secretary (IC/Trade) and Ms. Melanie Philips, Counsellor (Agriculture), New High Commission, New Delhi was held on 27.04.2023 to discuss bilateral cooperation between the two countries including programme for the visit of Hon'ble Minister, FAHD to New Zealand.
4. Joint Commissioner (RGM) and, Asstt. Commissioner (DD) participated in the 5th Joint Working Group meeting on Animal Husbandry and Dairying held in Denmark during 24th -28th April, 2023.

4. Credit, Extension & Publicity (CEP) :

- i. Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of FAHD organized Pashudhan Mahotsav: Pradarshani evam Prashikshan and Livestock Judging Contest from 6-7th April, 2023 at Numais Ground in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India inaugurated the event on 6th April, 2023. Hon'ble Minister of FAH&D and Hon'ble MoS also graced the event with their presence.
- ii. As part of Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahostav, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying organized awareness Programme "Pashudhan Jagrutya Abhiyaan" under the campaign on Inclusive Development on 24th April 2023. Information on various Schemes and Programms of the Department especially on Entrepreneurship, Vaccination and other beneficiary-oriented schemes of the Department were explained through the Common Service Centres network by holding 2000 village level camps across the Aspirational Districts.
- iii. Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying in close collaboration with Veterinary Council of India celebrated World Veterinary Day- 2023 on 29th April, 2023 at New Delhi at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi in order to recognize and celebrate the important roles of Veterinarians in animal and human health and ecology. Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the VCI portal, released the draft MSVPR, 2023, and a list of outstanding Veterinarians in the event. Around 1500 veterinary officials participated from the States/UTs, and 75 veterinarians were honoured as outstanding veterinarians. Technical sessions were organized on One Health, Veterinary interventions for Wildlife Conservation and management, Role of veterinarians in Indian Army.
- iv. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a historic 100th episode of the Mann Ki Baat Program on Sunday 30 April 2023. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying coordinated with NDDDB to ensure that the broadcast of the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' historic reaches maximum stakeholders associated with dairy sector be it professionals or dairy farmers. National Dairy Development Board made elaborate arrangements for the telecast of the program at NDDDB Anand, Regional Offices, Training Centers & Subsidiaries. Along with

this, NDDB coordinated with dairy cooperatives across India to arrange for screening of Mann Ki Baat at their office premises.

- v. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami launched 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) programme in the State of Uttarakhand on 13th April, 2023 at Survey of India Auditorium, Dehradun in the presence of Additional Secretary (C&DD/CEP), Government of India. Under this program trained A-HELPS will give their vital contribution in preventing various infectious diseases of animals, artificial insemination, tagging of animals and animal insurance.
- vi. Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala launched the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative and World Bank-funded Animal Health System Support for One Health to enhance India's preparedness and response to potential animal pandemics, in line with the One Health approach on 14th April, 2023 at IHC, New Delhi. This initiative aims to enhance India's preparedness and response to animal pandemics, with a focus on zoonotic diseases that pose a threat to both animal and human health. This initiative will help to improve veterinary services and infrastructure, disease surveillance capabilities, early detection and response, build the capacity of animal health professionals, and awareness among farmers through community outreach.

5. Trade :

Russia has given market access for Indian dairy products from two establishments.

6. Budget :

For the year 2023-24, up to April, 2023, against the Budget Allocation of Rs. 4687.85 Crore, the expenditure was Rs. 34.38 Crore.
