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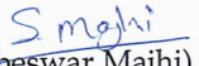
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 25th August, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary to the Cabinet for the month of July, 2021 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 July, 2021 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 July, 2021.

1. CCEA, in its meeting held on 14.07.2021 has approved implementation of Special Livestock Sector Package consisting of several activities by revising and realigning various components of Department's schemes for next 5 years starting from 2021-22 in order to further boost growth in livestock sector and thereby making animal husbandry more remunerative to 10 crore farmers engaged in Animal Husbandry Sector.

2. Cattle & Dairy Development:

i. The Department vide letter dated 05.07.2021 requested M/o Finance to consider the proposal for granting Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) exemption on inter-state transfer of butter to own dairy units for captive consumption at par with Skimmed Milk Powder (SMP).

ii. After approval of Special Livestock Sector Package by the Cabinet on 14.07.2021, the first meeting of Central Project Steering Committee constituted under National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) was held on 28.07.2021 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Secretary, AHD with the members of the Committee to finalize the operational guidelines of revised and realigned NPDD scheme.

3. Livestock Health:

i. Control and containment operations have been completed in all the states where there were outbreaks of Avian Influenza (H5 and H5N8) in poultry / ducks (Kerala, Haryana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh). No incidence/ outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5 and H5N8) have been reported from any part of the country (including the above states) during the month.

ii. On confirmation of incidence of Glanders in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir, the Department communicated the state to adopt zoo sanitary measures, monitor/restrict the equine movements to and from the infected area to prevent further spread of the disease.

iii. On confirmation of re-incidence of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in Gujarat, the States were advised to take immediate bio-security and bio-safety measures including ring vaccination to control and contain the disease in a definite timeline.

iv. The Department nominated an officer to attend the G20 2021 - Second Agriculture Deputies meeting held virtually during 13th and 14th July, 2021.

v. The Department granted permission to ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal for publication of the manuscript prepared by Scientists of NIHSAD and veterinarians of Zoological park entitled, "Natural infection of SARS-COV-2 delta variant in Asiatic lion (panther leo) in India". This finding will be helpful for taking necessary action by stakeholders in respect of surveillance in wild species, as well as to implement biosecurity measures to check sick/asymptomatic handlers/keepers/visitors from getting the infection.

vi. The Department nominated a scientist from ICAR- NIHSAD, Bhopal in respect of OIE Progress and risk assessment of re-emergence of rinderpest 10 years post-eradication.

vii. The Department circulated the advisory to all State Animal Husbandry Departments and other stakeholders regarding SARS-Cov-2 in animals which includes Risk assessment in respect of various animal categories, general prevention and control, risk pathway and risk reduction, disinfection, feed and feeding practice, waste management and key messages.

viii. The Department constituted a committee for epidemiological investigation in the matter of Human death by Avian Influenza at AIIMS, Delhi.

ix. The Department nominated an officer of the Department and scientists from IVRE-CADRAD, ICAR-NIHSAD and NIVEDI for FAO/OIE GFTADs lumpy skin disease regional update for Asia and the Pacific.

x. Under National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP), during the month, the next round of vaccination against FMD has been commenced in Andhra Pradesh and so far 11.29 lakh animals have been vaccinated. The vaccination against Brucella has also commenced and total 5,712 vaccinations have been done under NADCP.

xi. A Project on 'Strengthening Animal Health Management for Effective One Health Implementation' with World Bank assistance has been approved by Department of Economic Affairs with the objective to strengthen systemic capacity to better manage animal health and reduce disease incidence - at national level using a One Health framework.

4. National Livestock Mission (NLM)

i. The Department organized a Webinar on 07.07.2021 on Entrepreneurship in Feed and Fodder activities. Deliberations/presentations were made by experts & successful entrepreneurs and more than 500 participants joined the webinar from various locations of the country.

ii. The Department has constituted an Empowered Committee for the realigned National Livestock Mission through Notification dated 28.07.2021 and the newly constituted Committee of NLM has conducted its first meeting through virtual mode under the Chairmanship of Secretary, AHD on 30.07.2021 for approval of its Scheme Guidelines.

5. Credit, Extension and Publicity (CEP):

- i. The Department launched Digital Import Clearance System on 7th July 2021 in co-ordination with Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Ministry of Commerce and Industry with the august presence of Hon'ble Minister (FAHD). All the Animal Quarantine and Certification Services(AQCS's) and related exporters and importers participated in the meeting virtually.
- ii. The Department conducted Stakeholder Engagement- Panel Discussion on "One Health" on 22.07.2021, wherein various national and international technical experts threw light on various factors and action points on implementation of ONE HEALTH in India.

6. International Cooperation:

- i. A virtual meeting was held between Joint Secretary (IC) and Ms. Maria Fladi, Counsellor, Economic and Trade Affairs, Delegation of the European Union to India on 08.07.2021 to discuss the follow-up to the India - European Union (EU) Animal Health Technical Working Group (AHTWG) meeting held in 2019 and to finalize the dates and the Agenda for the next AHTWG meeting. The Indian side expressed desire to get market access of Indian dairy, buffalo and poultry products to EU. The EU side expressed its willingness to get market access of cheese/animal rennet and requested India to reflect about the possibility of importing such cheese which do not contain animal rennet in final products. Further, both sides mutually agreed to explore the proposed study visit to the EU in near future. Both sides also discussed the feasibility of holding a AHTWG meeting in the first week of November, 2021.
- ii. A virtual meeting between Joint Secretary (IC) and Ms Rickie Jennings, Lead Negotiator for Asia, LATAM, Emerging Markets & SPS, Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), U.K was held on 27.07.2021 to refresh the objectives of the India UK Joint Working Group and to discuss potential areas for future bilateral cooperation. Both the sides discussed the possibility of collaboration in the fields of Zoonosis, One health partnership, FMD, experience sharing in Government handling of avian influenza outbreak, Poultry Diseases etc. to be taken up during the next India UK JWG meeting. Further, issues of certification for import of lamb meat and ovine & caprine germinal products from UK to India were also discussed.
- iii. A virtual meeting between Joint Secretary (IC) and Mr. John Southwell, Agriculture Counselor, Australian High Commission was held on 30.07.2021. The issues discussed during the meeting, inter-alia, included issue of veterinary health certificate for import of plant based stock feed into India, issue of export of frozen cottage cheese to Australia. During the meeting, Indian side emphasized its request to allow import of paneer made from pasteurized, sterilized and ultra-heat treated milk, from India. Indian side also requested market access for Indian egg white and egg powder products.

7. Budget:

For the year 2021-22, up to July, 2021, against the Budget Estimate (BE) of Rs. 3599.98 Crore, the expenditure was Rs. 499.54 Crore. During the month of July, 2021, Expenditure for the Department was Rs. 123.51 Crore.

8. Social Media Activities:

During the month, tweeter page of the Department was hit by 48,611 followers. Under Social Media activities 212 creative posts were made, 314 tweets & 2284 re-tweets were done, 18 Videos & GIFs were created. Facebook of the Department has 1,24,304 followers. Koo account of the Department has 30,801 followers. LinkedIn has 206 followers by the end of July 2021. Instagram has 132 followers by the end of July'2021.
