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To,
The General Manager,
Omega Fishmeal & Oil Private Limited,
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Ratnagiri, Maharashtra-415639.

Sub: - Information on Monitoring Control & Surveillance (MCS) activities
Undertaken...

Ref: Email dated 19/07/2023

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed herewith the details of Monitoring Control &
Surveillance activities undertaken by the Directorate of Fisheries for submission to
MRAG.

This is for your kind and necessary action.

Yours faithfully


(Shri. Deepesh Priolkar)
Director of Fisheries

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Information on

1) Details on compliance of **Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS)** requirements by the vessel operators

2) Details of training imparted to **Indian Coast Guard and Coastal Police** alongwith communities to strengthen & implement the MCS system is as under:

- As per the ISPS circular: NT/ISPS/5/20119 issued by DG Shipping, the Department has instructed all the fishing vessels more than 20 meters to mandatorily install **AIS system** on their vessel. The same is being implemented. Till date, 133 AIS systems have been installed onboard sea going fishing vessels.
- The use of 'UIDAI Database for verifying antecedents of Marine Fishermen in the High Seas" is being implemented as per the Central Government Guidelines. The **Aadhaar card enabled QR code** is made mandatory document as **Fishermen ID cards**. Thus, from August 2020, QR code enabled Aadhaar cards has come into force.
- The Department Officials comprising of Fisheries Surveyors are deputed 24x7 at the fishing jetties (Chapora, Malim, Vasco and Cutbona) on rotational basis for issuing **fishing pass to the fishing vessel** before the vessels ventures into the sea for fishing. The detailed records are maintained in the movement register, mentioning the date and time of departure, its expected arrival date, number of crew members sailing, checking carriage of Aadhaar cards, checking carrying of adequate numbers of safety equipments, communication devices, VTS/SRB etc onboard before voyage. This is not only done in order to ensure the tracking of movement of fishing vessels but as a safety measure in case of any mishap/emergency. In such cases, the concerned rescue agencies/ coast guard would have real time information about the missing crew/fishing vessel which ventured into the sea.
- The Department has set up a full fledged **24x7 Control Room** for receiving and disseminating weather warnings/ alerts to fishing boats received from Meteorological Departments or other communications received from security agencies. This is to ensure that there is enough time for the fishing vessel to move in order to avoid getting stuck in severe weather conditions such as cyclones/thunderstorm etc. Further, the Control room is well equipped to monitor the movement of vessel equipped with VTS.

1) Measures taken to avoid overfishing of commercial fish and avoid fishing of ETP species

- The State implements a 61 days Monsoon Fishing Ban commencing from 1st June to 31st July; However Traditional crafts are exempted from this fishing ban.
- Mechanised fishing is prohibited within an area of 5 km from the sea coast.
- Mesh size is regulated wherein no person is allowed to use mesh size less than 24mm for catching fish and 20mm for catching prawns.
- Construction of new trawlers/purseiners is not allowed. However, old trawlers/purseiners are allowed to be replaced.

2) Measures taken to avoid overfishing of commercial fish and avoid fishing of Endangered, Threatened or Protected (ETP) species

- Fishermen operating Non- mechanised/mechanised fishing vessels are sensitized to take appropriate preventive measures so as to avoid fishing of ETP species such as Turtles, seal, cetaceans, sharks etc.

3) Sanctions/ penalties imposed due to violations

- 19 cases have been registered for year 2022-23 against fishermen for violating the fishing rules and regulations.
- Cases have been initiated against the erring fishermen and a total of Rs. 6,77,478/- and Rs. 82,342/- has been collected as penalty and auction of fish, respectively

4) Compliance of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) requirements

- The Department of Fisheries, Goa has been implementing the ISPS circular: NT/ISPS/5/20119 issued by DG Shipping, wherein all the fishing vessels > 20m should be installed with AIS system, mandatorily. Till date, 133 AIS systems have been installed onboard sea going fishing vessels.
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- The state of Goa has amended the Goa Daman and Diu – MFR Act 2019 in order to grant more power to the field officials. The Government of Goa has authorized the additional staff such as Assistant Superintendent of Fisheries, Fisheries Officer and Junior Technician, of the Directorate of Fisheries to exercise the power conferred and discharge the duties imposed upon the authorized officers in the State of Goa under the MFR Act. This helps for implementation of Act on block level by the concern officers

5) Awareness programmes

a) Awareness under “ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT”/“SWAYAMPURNA GOEM”.

The Department conducted various programmes at Panchayat Level under “Swayampurna Goem” programme to create awareness of the State Schemes and PMMSY Schemes of the Department. A total of 253 programmes were conducted, thereby providing information about the Department schemes at the village level for approximately 7200 participants.

b) Community Interaction Programme

Total 24 nos. of Community Interaction Programmes were held till date for sensitizing fishermen about Coastal Security, Safety of Fishermen at sea and the Schemes of the Department.

c) Other awareness programmes

Officials of the Department were deputed to create awareness about the schemes of the Department through the various programmes organized by the State Government as under:

Sr. No.	Programme	Date
1	Government at your door steps/ Sarkar tumchya Dari	Officers/ Officials were deputed in 10 programmes of Sarkar tumchya dari organized by the State Government, at the various places to create scheme awareness of the department.
2	Swayampurna Yuva	Officers/ Officials were

		deputed in 2 programmes of Swayampurna Yuva organized by the State Government, at the various places to create awareness regarding employment opportunities in fisheries sector thereby promoting schemes of the department.
3	Scheme awareness programme at Village Panchayat, Navelim	Programme was conducted on 11/11/2021 to promote schemes of the department
4	Krishi Mahotsav at Quepem and Sankhali.	On 04/01/2022 and 05/01/2022
5	SARAS organized by Rural development Agency North Goa.	From 05/01/2022-16/01/2022
6	Aqua Goa Fish Festival organized by Department of Fisheries	From 10/02/2023- 12/02/2023
