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As per the instructions contained in Cabinet Secretary's ID.No. 601/2/1/2014 (Vol.III)-TS dated 28.04.2016, I am sending herewith a report of the initiatives taken by the Ministry during February, 2020 for your kind perusal.

Sd/-
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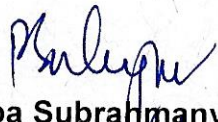
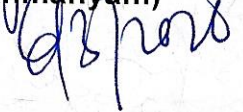
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1.0 Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

1.1 Important policy decision taken during the month:

A. Amendments to NIFTEM Bill 2019

The Cabinet in its meeting held on 26th Feb 2020 approved official amendments to the National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) Bill 2019 to accord status of Institute of National Importance (INI) to the two academic institutions under the Ministry. The amendments are based on the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture.

1.2 Major achievements during the month:

A. National Organic Food Festival, New Delhi:

a. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries with the Ministry of Women and Child development hosted the first National Organic Food Festival in New Delhi from 21st February to 23rd February, 2020. It was jointly inaugurated by Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Textiles.

b. The festival was organized by NIFTEM and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as the Industry Partner at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.

c. Over 180 Women Entrepreneurs and Self Help Groups (SHGs) from across 25 states of the country participated in the Festival, exhibiting their organic products in various segments such as fruits and vegetables, ready to eat products, spices & condiments, honey, cereals, dry fruits etc. Kiwi from Arunachal Pradesh, black wheat,

pesto sauce from Ladakh, chia seeds cookies and apricot oil from Uttarakhand were available at the fest.

d. Training on post-harvest management, product innovation, packaging and certification processes were also organized over the 3 days.

e. A specially curated 'Innovation Pavilion' was set up to display innovative organic foods, packaging solutions and machinery.

f. For facilitating business linkages and empowering women entrepreneurs through financial inclusion, B2B meetings were facilitated by CII.

B. Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation

Capacities (Unit Scheme):

a. Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee chaired by Hon'ble Minister, FPI were held on 21.02.2020 and 26.02.2020 to consider the proposals received under the scheme. 32 food proposals were approved which would leverage Rs.300.97 crore of investment and involve grant-in-aid of Rs.104.84 crore. Cumulative investment leveraged under the Scheme till date is Rs.2176.97 crore.

C. Operation Greens:

a. 8th Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMAC) chaired by Hon'ble Minister, FPI held on 21.02.2020 for considering the recommendations of 13th Mission Operation Greens meetings. Two (02) proposals have been approved.

b. A meeting was held on 27.02.2020 under chairmanship of Secretary, FPI to discuss the proposal of M/s Terrestrial Food Processors Private Limited.

c. A meeting was held on 28.02.2020 under chairmanship of Joint Secretary, FPI to review the project being implemented by M/s Andhra Pradesh Food Processing Society.

D. IIFPT:

- a. IIFPT's products, technologies and machinery were showcased to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the Integrated Livestock Research Park exhibition at Thalaivasal organized from 9th to 11th Feb.2020.
- b. IIFPT was honoured during AICTE's Vishwakarma Award 2019 ceremony for the exemplary contribution to enhance the income of villages through food processing. Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Human Resource Development was the Chief Guest. Key dignitaries from AICTE, NITI AAYOG and ISTE were present.
- c. Director, IIFPT was awarded with prestigious DBT-Tata Innovation Fellowship. The award was conferred by Hon'ble Minister (S&T) during 34th Foundation Day Celebration of DBT. The fellowship is meant to honour and encourage scientists involved in translational research by innovative scientific knowledge and platform technologies.
- d. Training on post-harvest technology, value addition and supply chain management were conducted on 6th Feb and 11th Feb for representatives from Deptt. of Agri-Marketing from Kanyakumari and farmers from Nagapattinam.

E. NIFTEM:

- a. Skill Development Department (SDD) organized 06 Days Training on advance techniques of Food Processing and Preservation from 27.01.2020 to 01.02.2020 at NIFTEM. Total 20 (16 females and 04 male) participants participated in this training programme
- b. SDD organized 04 Days training of trainers from 14.02.2020 at 17.02.2020 at NIFTEM. Total 41 (36 females and 05 male) participants participated in this training programme.

c. The 3rd Convocation for awarding degrees to B Tech, M Tech, Management students was held on 10.02.2020 in which Hon'ble Minister, FPI, Hon'ble MoS, FPI, Secretary, FPI and MD, Nestle participated.

d. Dr. A.S. Saini, Director General Horticulture Haryana, along with British High Commissioner visited NIFTEM on 26.02.2020.

e. E-Summit is the annual flagship event organized by CED, NIFTEM on 14-15 Feb. It is a two-day conclave of competitions, networking opportunities, workshops and interactive sessions from the biggest names in B-World.

1.3 Foreign visit of Hon'ble Minister, FPI and foreign delegation to MoFPI:

A delegation led by Hon'ble Minister, FPI visited Gulfood' 2020 from 15th February 2020 to 19th February 2020 to:

- a. To promote Indian food processing sector.
- b. Sensitize potential and existing investors of the latest reforms and changes in the sector
- c. To promote Make in India for Food Processing sector

2.0 Important policy matter held up on account of prolonged Inter - Ministerial

Consultations: Nil

3.0 Compliance of CoS decision:

No. of CoS decisions pending for compliance	Proposed action plan/time lines for compliance of CoS decisions	Remarks
Nil	Nil	Nil

4.0 No. of cases of sanction for prosecution pending for more than 3 months: Nil

5.0 Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government: Nil

6.0 Status of Implementation of e-Governance:

Total no. of files	Total no. of e-files
8717	7320 (89.58%)

7.0 Status of Public Grievances:

No. of public grievances redressed during the month	No. of public grievances pending at the end of the month
36	4

8.0 Information on the specific steps taken by the Ministry/Department for utilization of the Space technology-based tools and applications in Governance and Development. ---- Nil