



To:  
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Dear Madam,

Sub: Fisheries- Prevention of Usage of Antibiotics in Aquaculture- AP Fisheries Department  
Action- Initiated- Regarding.

Ref: 1. Your Letter Dt. 27.12.2016

2. GO Ms No. 2, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries (Fish) Dept,  
GoAP, Dt. 11.1.2017.

3. GO Ms No. 56, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries (Fish) Dept,  
GoAP, Dt. 4.11.2016.

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Greetings from Fisheries Department.

I sincerely thank CSE for conducting a study on the usage of Antibiotics in West Bengal and publishing the Article in **Down To Earth** Magazine and creating awareness among the Administrators, Stakeholders & Public etc., .

A) It is to inform that after the International Conference on "Antibiotic Use and Waste management in Aquaculture "conducted by Centre for Science and Environment Dt.21.9.2016, the Department of Fisheries has taken a very pivotal role and appraised the Government of AP on the problems that are being noticed in Antibiotics misuse & overuse and there by the requested to issue necessary Orders to prevent usage of Antibiotics in Aquaculture.

Accordingly, the GoAP issued a GO Ms No. 2 vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, and constituted

- 1) **District Level Committee** with the representatives of Fisheries Department, MPEDA/NaCSA, Drugs Control Authority, Food Safety Department, Aqua farmers/ Aqua shop owners Association/ Hatchery Operators etc., Revenue Officials, Police etc., under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector-II
- 2) **Task force Committee** representing the field level functionaries of the various Departments/ Organisations mentioned in the DLC. The Ad Fisheries/ FDO will lead the task Force

The TFC has been delegated with certain guidelines, functions & powers for implementing the GO Ms No. 2. They are:

1. The Task Force Committee is authorised to make frequent raids/random checks on all shops, Manufacturing units/ companies and suppliers of Drugs, Pro-biotics, Chemicals, Feeds/Feed supplements, Farms, Hatcheries etc., and verify and take action on the un-Authorised possession of the products

2. TFC should ensure that CAA registered products are alone sold in Aqua Shops
3. TFC should ensure that the Aqua shops not to sell veterinary grade products and encourage Aqua grade Drugs registered with CAA only.
4. TFC should take random samples from different Aqua shops and send the sealed samples to Drugs Control Authority and Food Safety Departments/any other Govt. Institute for analysis & report for taking further action.
5. TFC should inspect whether proper labelling is made on the product with information, such as, name of the product, Net weight of the product , Composition , Date of manufacture, Date of Expiry, Maximum Retail Price of the product etc.,
6. If found any Veterinary Grade / Banned aqua products, TFC shall seize the same and impose penalty of Rs 25,000/- as first offence.
7. In case of violation for second time, the defaulter is liable for penalty of Rs 50,000/-, cancellation of the License of the Aqua shop and prosecution.
8. To send proposals for establishment of Quality Control Laboratories to conduct screening tests for Antibiotic Residues in tissues of aqua products.
9. TFC to conduct awareness & campaigns among the stakeholders on the impact of Indiscriminate usage of Antibiotics in Aquaculture
10. TFC should create awareness among the manufacturers/suppliers/ Marketers/ aqua shops to get their products registered with CAA

The District Collectors are requested to implement the Government Orders scrupulously.

B) It is further to inform that GoAP also issued a GO Ms No. 56, AH, DD & Fisheries (Fish) Dept, Dt. 4.11.2016 Banning of feeding of poultry offal / other offal and slaughter house wastes to fish and to control the malpractices to save the fish culture and the environment and constituted a Committee consisting of Officials from Fisheries Department, Police Department, Transport Department & Revenue Department.

**The following measures are to be implemented under relevant Acts:**

- i) To take strict action against those who practice the activity to procure poultry waste (visceral parts generated from chicken shops in the cities) and other slaughter house waste / carcasses from within and the other states of India for use in fish ponds.
- ii) To take action on the vehicle owners involved in transport of such wastes within the state and from other states in India.
- iii) The driver of the vehicle shall be arrested for transporting such banned items. The Transport officials shall confiscate the vehicle, cancel the transport permit of vehicle and suspend the driving license of driver and take further necessary action as per law.
- iv) To keep a vigil and take action against the vehicles carrying above mentioned materials on being reported by the representatives of aqua farmers, Fisheries department officials, public etc., and checking at check posts so as to control these illegal, unethical and unhealthy practices in aquaculture in the interest of Public Health, Biodiversity, and Brand Andhra.



v) Station House Officer of concerned Police Station shall book case against persons indulging in such

banned activities under proper sections of IPC and other relevant provisions under the Act.

vi) Recoup the amount incurred for disposal / destroy of such wastes from the Lorry owner or the farmer who are the end user of the waste.

The District Collectors have been requested to coordinate with Pollution Control authorities, District Fisheries Officers, Revenue Department, Transport and Police Departments for close monitor & the implementation of ban orders.

**It is further to inform that an Integrated National Level Policy , involving various Ministries , is to be drafted with uniform Code of Conduct & effective prevention mechanism on the usage of Antibiotics in Aquaculture.**

**I wish that a unified national Policy may come soon.**

Yours faithfully,

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18/1/17  
Commissioner of Fisheries

(Pl. note that the Office of the Commissioner of Fisheries, AP has been shifted from Hyderabad to Vijayawada).