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Subject: Establishment of Competent National Authority Secretariat.

1. Union Cabinet on 28 Mar 18 approved ICG to sign Memorandum of Understanding for implementation of the Regional plan for Oil and Chemical spill response in South Asian Seas Region, with South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) maritime nations namely Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

2. In addition, ICG was mandated for the following:-

- Competent National Authority for marine Oil and Chemical Pollution preparedness and response, as the national operational contact point responsible for the receipt and transmission of pollution reports, and as the competent authority entitled to act on behalf of the India concerning measures of mutual assistance and cooperation between the parties.
- Competent National Authority for the implementation of the Regional Plan, as national operational authority responsible for the implementation of the Regional Plan and for exercising operational command in case of joint response operations, and as national contact point responsible for receiving reports of pollution incidents.
- ICG MRCC's as national emergency response centres.
- Exchange of information on National On-Scene Commander, inventories, charges, etc as per NOS DCP.

3. In order to meet the national and international obligation with respect to preservation and protection of marine environment and prevention and control of marine pollution, Competent National Authority Secretariat has been established at Coast Guard Headquarters

4. Competent National Authority Secretariat will formulate policies and guidelines on the subject matter on behalf of Government of India within the mandate assigned with respect to following:-

(a) National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP) for implementation. Promulgate programme with respect to conduct of exercise/workshop, Audits of ICGs, Ports and Oil Handling Agencies (OHAs) facilities through NOS-DCP Chairman circular. Maintain national directory and national database for PR capabilities. Use of OSB/Bioremediation in maritime zones of India.

(b) Implement Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan in South Asian Seas Region. Coordinate with SACEP maritime members for joint training/exercise/workshop/audit etc. Participate in IMO meetings and SACEP coordinated activities/ meetings.

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