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Shrimp farmers prior to stocking their ponds must insist on disease free seed from hatcheries supported by reliable test reports from diagnostic laboratories. Recognition of Aquaculture Disease Diagnostic Laboratories is to be done for the purpose of providing high quality disease diagnostic services to the aquaculture sector. PCR testing of shrimp seed is a mandatory requirement for shrimp hatcheries. In order to formulate a suitable mechanism to make the disease screening more reliable, a PCR Infrastructure, Capacity Building, PCR Ring Test and Harmonisation programme from 18 to 20 September 2018 is being conducted by Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA), Chennai in collaboration with CAA, Chennai. Based on the performance in the programme, a certificate of recognized PCR Disease Diagnostic Laboratory will be given jointly by Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) and the Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA). In future shrimp farmers will be advised to test the seed only from such approved PCR laboratories including in-house PCR laboratories in registered shrimp hatcheries before purchase.

EOI is invited from existing PCR Disease Diagnostic Laboratories who fulfil the required conditions for enrolling as a recognised PCR laboratory for shrimp seed testing. The details of the process, application and PCR infrastructure, capacity Building, PCR Ring Test, FAQs are available in the official websites: www.caa.gov.in and www.ciba.res.in.

Application in the prescribed format with a fee of Rs 5000/- in demand draft in favour Member Secretary, Coastal Aquaculture Authority, Chennai shall be submitted, before **3rd September, 2018** to the Member Secretary, Coastal Aquaculture Authority, No.12-A, GDR Tower, Bharathi Street, Vanuvampet, Chennai – 600 091 (Tel. No.: 044-2260 3683/Fax No.: 2260 3780)

Member Secretary

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