



## Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Authority

**Venue** : **NASC Complex, Delhi**  
**Time** : **4:00 PM**  
**Date** : **17<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Friday)**

**Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority**  
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## **22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the PPV&FR Authority**

Meeting Type	Authority Meeting	Date and Time	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 16:00 Hrs.
Subject	22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the PPV&FR Authority		
Venue	Board Room, IGH, NASC Complex, New Delhi		

Attendance	<p><b><u>The following members attended the meeting :</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, PPV&amp;FR Authority</li><li>2. Dr. Sudhir Kr. Goel, IAS, Add. Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra</li><li>3. Shri Amit Mohan Prasad, IAS, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Uttar Pradesh</li><li>4. Sh. Inder Kumar, Joint Secretary (Law)</li><li>5. Dr. K.S. Charak, Scientist 'G' Adviser, DBT</li><li>6. Dr. K.C. Bansal, Director, NBPGR</li><li>7. Dr. Usha Barwale, Director and Chief Technology Officer , Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company Limited</li><li>8. Shri P. Chengal Reddy, Secretary General, CIFA, Hyderabad</li><li>9. Sh. Mayaram Nettam, Programme Officer, (Retired), AIR and Doordarshan</li><li>10. Mrs. Neelam Tyagi, Secretary, Laxmi Jan Kalyan Sewa Sansthan</li><li>11. Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar-General, PPV&amp;FR Authority (Member Secretary)</li></ol> <p>Leave of absence was granted to following member</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>12. Shri R.K.Singh, IAS, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India</li><li>13. Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Deputy Director General (Crop Sciences), ICAR</li><li>14. Dr. B.S. Dhillon, Vice-chancellor, PAU, Ludhiana</li></ol> <p>Shri R.K. Mishra, Additional Commissioner (Seeds), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India was present on behalf of the Joint Secretary (Seeds), Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India</p>
Introduction	<p>At the outset, Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Member Secretary and Registrar-General, PPV&amp; FR Authority welcomed all the members. Shri Amit Mohan Prasad, who was attending the meeting for the first time was introduced to other Members and was also briefed about the activities of the Authority. The Chairperson also welcomed the members and briefed the members about the latest initiatives of</p>

	the Authority.
Declaration of Conflict of Interest by Members	All the members submitted duly filled forms for the declaration of conflict of interest. There was no conflict of interest by any member.

Agenda Item	Subject	Discussion/Suggestion
1	Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting (21 <sup>st</sup> Authority Meeting) held on 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	The minutes of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Authority Meeting held on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014 were adopted unanimously.
2	Action taken report	It was informed that the Authority has taken necessary action on all recommendations of the last meeting held on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014. Members noted the Action Taken Report and adopted the same.
3	Progress of Plant Varieties Registry	<p>Chairperson presented the progress of the registry. Members appreciated the progress related to clearance of pendency, awareness programmes, and specially the progress in the registration of farmers' varieties.</p> <p>Members asked for opening of new DUS Centres, if required for the timely conduct of DUS tests to clear the pendency of the Farmers' Varieties and to make efforts for submission of seeds by Farmers at an early date.</p>
4	Extant Variety Recommendation Committee (EVRC)	The progress of the 26 <sup>th</sup> Extant Variety Recommendation Committee (EVRC) Meetings was noted by the Authority members.
5	Finalisation of Annual Accounts of PPV&FRA for the year 2014-15	<p>The Authority in its 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 has already authorized the Chairperson on behalf of Authority to approve the Annual Accounts of the Authority before sending it to CAG and also to give replies to audit observations. The Members again adopted to authorize Chairperson to approve the Annual Accounts of the Authority for the year 2014-15 on behalf of Authority before sending it to CAG and also to give replies to audit observations.</p> <p>The Members also adopted that Audited Annual Accounts alongwith management replies to audit report shall be placed</p>

		before the Authority for their approval before sending the approved audited Annual Accounts to Ministry for placing the same before Parliament.															
6	Laying of Annual Accounts together with Separate Audit Report and Annual Report of the Authority for the year 2013-14	The timely laying of Annual Account together with separate Audit Report and Annual Reports of the PPV & FR Authority for the year 2013-14 on the Table of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha during the winter session 2014 of Parliament on 12th December 2014 and 16th December 2014 respectively was appreciated and noted by the Members.															
7	Plant Genome Saviour Community Award, Farmers' Reward & Recognition 2013	<p>The Members noted the progress regarding the Plant Genome Saviour Community Award, Farmers' Reward &amp; Recognition and asked the office of the Authority to pursue with the Central Government for clearing the pendency in awards/rewards.</p> <p>The Members further asked that a copy of the advertisement for the awards/rewards should be also circulated to all the Members of the Authority.</p> <p>The Members also asked that the office of the Authority should work out strategy to involve Doordarshan and other Mass Media for awareness about these awards/rewards.</p>															
8	Budget Estimates for the Year 2015-16.	The Annual Plan for 2015-16 for Rs.74.23 crore was adopted by the Members															
9	Finalization of DUS Test Guidelines of Eight crop species	<p>The following 10 crop guidelines were adopted by the Members.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="746 1592 1433 1998"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No.</th> <th>Name of crop</th> <th>Published in PVJ</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>i.</td> <td><b>Jasmine</b></td> <td>December, 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td><b>Tuberose</b></td> <td>December,2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td><b>Papaya</b></td> <td>December, 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iv.</td> <td><b>China Aster</b></td> <td>December, 2014</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S. No.	Name of crop	Published in PVJ	i.	<b>Jasmine</b>	December, 2014	ii.	<b>Tuberose</b>	December,2014	iii.	<b>Papaya</b>	December, 2014	iv.	<b>China Aster</b>	December, 2014
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			v.	<b>Peach</b>	December, 2014
			vi.	<b>Plum</b>	December, 2014
			vii.	<b>Strawberry</b>	December, 2014
			viii.	<b>Chilli, Sweet Pepper &amp; Paprika</b>	February, 2015
			ix.	<b>Finger Millet</b>	February, 2015
			x.	<b>Foxtail Millet</b>	February, 2015
10	Amendment in Annual Fee notification	Under Section 35 of PPV&FR Act, 2001 every registered breeder or licensee or agent has to pay annual fee based on the benefit or royalty gained by such breeder in respect of such registered variety. Following proposal regarding Annual Fee was approved by the Members- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The annual fee for new varieties shall be 0.5% of gross profit and</li> <li>b) The annual fee for extant varieties about which there is common knowledge shall be 0.25% of gross profit and</li> </ul> The approved notification for amendment in official gazette is enclosed as Annexure-I.			
11	Hon'ble Delhi High Court upheld the order of Ld. Registrar on the issue of parental lines	The judgement of the Hon'ble High Court that parental lines would fall under the category of extant variety (VCK) when their hybrids fall under the category of extant variety (VCK) was noted by the Members.			
12	Additional Agenda Item 1- Revised Annual Fee Return Form	The revised Annual Fee Return Form based on gross profit was approved. The approved copy is enclosed at Annexure-II.			
	Any other point	- The Authority in its 21 <sup>st</sup> Authority Meeting held on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014 decided to reward those facilitators from NARS and NGOs with recognition certificate, citation and cash of Rs. 10,000 who facilitates filing of at least 100			

		<p>applications at a time in different crops and for staff of Authority for more than 500 applications at a time. It was decided that such reward may also be extended to Zonal Project Directors, once in their life time, who facilitate in filing more than 500 applications through NARS from their zone, organize at least two biodiversity fair and promote community seed banks in tribal regions/agro-biodiversity rich regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For resolving issues related to benefit sharing, access and other related issues, an interface meeting between PPV&amp;FRA and National Biodiversity Authority may be organized and proceedings may be put up to Authority for its kind information.</li> <li>- Members were informed that a National workshop on “Enhancing Understanding &amp; Implementation of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) in India” was organized by PPV&amp;FRA on 17-18 November, 2014 at Deendayal Research Institute, Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh. This workshop was jointly organized by Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Authority; Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Govt. of India; ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources; Zonal Project Director-Zone–VII, Regional office of FAO for Asia and Pacific, Bangkok and Deendayal Research Institute, Chitrakoot. It was further informed that during the workshop, a national exhibition and awareness programme about the PPV&amp;FR Act and ITPGRFA was also arranged showcasing seeds, planting material and the fresh agro-products of the farmers’ varieties, traditional varieties, landraces, folk varieties conserved and preserved by farmers, NGOs and some of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) etc. as side event during the above period at DRI, Chitrakoot. Members noted the same and appreciated the efforts of PPV&amp;FRA.</li> <li>- Members were informed that two Registrars namely Dr. Manoj Srivastava and Dr. Tejbir Singh have been repatriated on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to their parent departments without prejudice to final disposal of their OA numbers</li> </ul>
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		<p>552/2014 and 652/2014 respectively pending before the Hon'ble CAT(PB), New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Members were also informed about the penalty of Removal from Service of Shri J.P.Singh, who was working as Financial Advisor in the PPV&amp;FRA, for grave misconduct encompassing lack of integrity, lack of devotion to duty and exhibiting a conduct unbecoming of an employee of the Authority.</li></ul>
The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair		



**Ministry of Agriculture**  
**(Department of Agriculture & Co-operation)**

**NOTIFICATION**

**New Delhi.....day of 2015**

S.O. – In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 35 of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 (53 of 2001), the Protection Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority with the prior approval of the Central Government hereby makes the following further amendment in the notification published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), vide S.O. 2182 (E) dated 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 namely:-

1. In para-1 of the said notification, for the words "0.2 % of the sales value" the words "0.5 % of gross profit" shall be substituted.
2. In sub-para (b) of para 2 of the said notification for the words "0.1 % of the sales value" the words "0.25 % of gross profit" shall be substituted.

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RAJESH KUMAR SINGH  
JOINT SECRETARY (SEEDS)

Note: The principal notification dated 26.08.2009 was published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) vide S.O. 2182 (E) dated 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2009.

**ANNUAL FEE RETURN FORM**

(UNDER SECTION 35 OF PPV&amp;FR ACT, 2001 READ WITH RULE 22(8) OF PPV&amp;FR RULES, 2003)

**(For the Financial Year.....)**

1. Crop.....(Category) NEW/VCK/NOTIFIED VARIETY/FARMER (Tick whichever is applicable).  
 2. Denomination of Registered Variety.....  
 3. Registration Number..... 4. Date of Registration.....

Seed in stock as on 1 <sup>st</sup> April of preceding year	*seed produced /received during the financial year	Total seed available during the financial year (Col.1+Col.2)	*seed sold during the financial year	*seed in stock as on 31 <sup>st</sup> March of the financial year (Col.3-Col.4)	Cost Price (Rs./unit )	Selling price (Rs./unit)	Gross Profit (In Rs.)	Annual Fees on gross profit (%of Col. 8) (In Rs.)	Royalty, if any received During the F.Y (In Rs.)	Annual fee on Royalty (% of Col.10) (In Rs.)	Total Annual Fees paid (In Rs.)
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
											Rs. 2000+
Grand Total of Annual Fee Paid to the Authority											

\*(Qtl.)

Certified that the above information is true and correct and based on documents and records.

Signature of Regd. Breeder/ Agent/Licencee

Date:

Place:

To be certified by Chartered Accountant in case of legal persons like companies, trusts etc.,/ Competent Authority in case of ICAR/SAUs

Note : 1. The last date for submission of the form would be 31<sup>st</sup> October of every year

2. The annual fee for farmer's variety shall be Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten Only)

FOR OFFICIAL USE

1. DUE DATE FOR ANNUAL FEE.....

2. PREVIOUS DEFAULTS OF ANNUAL FEE IF ANY.....

3. DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF RENEWAL FEE.....
4. DETAILS OF PV-6 FILED.....
5. AMOUNT OF RENEWAL FEE TO BE PAID.....
6. DETAILS OF RENEWAL FEE PAID\*.....
7. DETAILS OF DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF RENEWAL FEE.....

(\*TO BE PAID ALONG WITH PV-6 AFTER FOUR AND HALF YEARS AND BEFORE SIXTH YEAR OF REGISTRATION IN CASE OF FIELD CROPS AND AFTER SEVEN AND HALF YEAR AND BEFORE NINTH YEAR OF REGISTRATION IN CASE OF TREES AND VINES)

NOTE TO REGISTERED BREEDERS

- a) If annual fee is not paid for two consecutive years, the registration certificate will be forfeited and the amount due will be recovered.
- b) Kindly, pay the annual fee on time to avoid forfeiture and recovery.
- c) After initial period of registration (six years in case of field crops and nine years in case of trees and vines) renewal fee must also be paid in one sum for the remaining period or for a shorter period as chosen by the registered breeder.
- d) Non-payment of renewal fee would lead to forfeiture of registration

In case of any assistance kindly contact at 011-25843316, 011-25840777 or log on to [www.plantauthority.gov.in](http://www.plantauthority.gov.in) or mail to [rg-ppvfra@nic.in](mailto:rg-ppvfra@nic.in) or write to PPV&FRA, S -2, A Block, NASC Complex, DPS Marg, New Delhi - 110 012.