

प्राधिकरण की 33वीं बैठक का कार्यवृत्त

Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Authority

स्थान	:	बोर्ड कक्ष, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय गेस्ट हाउस, प्रथम तल एनएएससी कॉम्प्लेक्स, दिल्ली
Venue	:	Board Room, IGH, 1 st Floor NASC Complex, Delhi
समय	:	2:00 बजे
Time	:	2:00 PM
दिनांक	:	29 जून, 2022 (बुधवार)
Date	:	29 June, 2022 (Wednesday)

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Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority

Meeting Type	Authority Meeting	Date and Time	29 June, 2022 at 02:00 PM
Subject	33 rd Authority Meeting of the PPV&FR Authority		
Venue	IGH Board Room, NASC, New Delhi		
Attendance	<p><u>The following members attended the meeting:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. K.V. Prabhu, Chairperson, PPVFR Authority, DPS Marg, NASC Complex, New Delhi 2. Sh. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture and Farmer, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi. 3. Dr. A.K. Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 4. Dr. Rajveer S. Verma, Additional Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001. 5. Dr. Sanjay Mishra, Senior Adviser, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India, , New Delhi- 110003 6. Ms. Rita Khanna, Adviser, Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change Govt. of India, New Delhi - 110003 7. Dr. Prabhat Kumar, Horticultural Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110001 8. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Director, National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Pusa, DPS Marg, New Delhi-110 012 9. Shri Tummala, Anjaneyulu, Member, Sugar Cane Growers Association of Andhra Pradesh Village Remalle, Bapulapadu Mandal, Distt. Krishna, Andhra Pradesh - 521110 10. Smt Jui Pethe, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Shripad, Vakratunda Row, Vrindavan Nagar, Kamatwade. Nashik- 422010 11. Shri V. Venkateswarlu, Director, M/s Vasanth Agri Biotech Pvt Ltd. Rajendranagar, Mahabubnagar, Telangana 509001 12. Dr. Sudha Tiwari, National President, SHAKTI (NGO for empowerment of Women), Nagpur -44002 13. Dr. Dinesh Kumar Agarwal, Registrar-General, PPVFR 		

	<p>Authority, DPS Marg, NASC Complex, New Delhi</p> <p>Leave of absence was granted to :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. T. R. Sharma, Deputy Director General (Crop Science), Division of Crop Science, ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi – 110001. 2. Dr. Ganesh Kumar Koutu, Director of Research Services, Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
Introduction	<p>At the outset, Dr. D.K. Agarwal, Member Secretary and Registrar-General, PPVFR Authority welcomed all the members present. In his introductory remarks, the Chairperson also welcomed the members and explained for the benefit of the new members who had attended the Authority meeting for the first time, gave a brief introduction on functioning of Authority while thanking them for their keenness and enthusiastic support for the organization as well as participation in the meeting. Some queries by members based on the past precedence or other organizations related to non-conduct of the meeting after the 32nd meeting in November 2019 were clarified and explained as per the provisions in the Act which required the appointments of the nominee members and that of the Registrar General for conduct of the meeting.</p>
Declaration of Conflict of Interest by Members	<p>There was no conflict of interest raised by any member on any agenda item</p>

The members appreciated the timely receipt of the agenda through email and post.

Agenda Number	Agenda description	Details
1.	Action Taken Report on 32nd Authority Meeting	<p>The members noted the action taken on the minutes of the 32nd Authority Meeting. As decided, the requirements that whenever an amendment is put up for approval, the same would be done in track-change mode making the existing position clear with respect to the amendment sought.</p> <p>It was also informed that changes in the registration process other than those which were within the judicial powers of the Registrar would be discussed in meetings with plant breeders from public and private sectors.</p>

2.	Progress of Plant Varieties Registry	The members noted the progress of the Plant Varieties Registry where it was informed that till date 17,384 applications for registration were received of which so far only 4968 were granted plant breeders' rights in various categories such as farmers, individual plant breeders, plant breeders from public and private sector. 39.7% of these belonged to the farmers while the rest belonged nearly in equal proportion to public and private sectors. It was also informed that due to lack of registrars in position and qualified staff, little more than 10,000 applications were in various stages of processing. It was also informed that proposals with the help of the Joint Secretary (Seed), ex-officio member of the Authority, have already been made to the Government for according number of qualified upgraded staff which was discussed separately under Agenda item 12.
3.	Approval of DUS test guidelines under Rule 29(9) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003	<p>After following elaborate procedures of appointment of crop-wise task forces followed by identification of Principal Investigators among expert breeders of several crops with sufficient genetic resources representing the genetic diversity in the species, and with one or two testing locations to conduct phenotypic characterization for distinguishing sets of characters throughout the lifecycle of the species, DUS Test Guidelines for Crop Species Horse gram [<i>Macrotyloma uniflorum</i> (Lam.) Verdc.], Gerbera (<i>Gerbera jamesonii</i> Adlem ex. Hooker f.), Coffee (<i>Coffea arabica</i> L. & <i>Coffea canephora</i> Pierre ex A. Froehner), Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) and <i>bidi</i> tobaccos (<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i> (L.), Moth bean [<i>Vigna aconitifolia</i> (Jacq.) Marechal.] and Cluster bean (<i>Cyamopsis tetragonoloba</i> L. Taub.) published in PVJ of Vol. 16 No. 05 dated 02nd May, 2022 were approved by the Members for forwarding to Central Government for notification in official gazette for registration of new varieties. While approving the guidelines <i>ex-post facto</i>, based on the elaborately carried out procedure, it was decided that</p> <p>While discussing the DUS Test Guidelines for various crop species, basic information with details such as the constitution of task force committee which was responsible for framing the DUS test guidelines, the details</p>

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		relating to composition of committee, period taken for framing the DUS test guidelines and number of meetings conducted, should also be given to get a holistic picture of the exercise taken up.															
4.	<p>Fixation of time limit for registration of extant varieties for Horse gram [<i>Macrotyloma uniflorum</i> (Lam.) Verdc.], Gerbera (<i>Gerbera jamesonii</i> Adlem ex. Hooker f.), Coffee (<i>Coffea arabica</i> L. & <i>Coffea canephora</i> Pierre ex A. Froehner), Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) and bidi tobaccos</p> <p>(<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i> (L.), Moth bean [<i>Vigna aconitifolia</i> (Jacq.) Marechal.] and Cluster bean (<i>Cyamopsis tetragonoloba</i> L. Taub.)</p>	<p>Under Rule 22(2) of PPVFR Rules, 2003 the time limit for registration of extant varieties of crop species Horse gram [<i>Macrotyloma uniflorum</i> (Lam.) Verdc.], Gerbera (<i>Gerbera jamesonii</i> Adlem ex. Hooker f.), Coffee (<i>Coffea arabica</i> L. & <i>Coffea canephora</i> Pierre ex A. Froehner), Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) and bidi tobaccos</p> <p>(<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i> (L.), Moth bean [<i>Vigna aconitifolia</i> (Jacq.) Marechal.] and Cluster bean (<i>Cyamopsis tetragonoloba</i> L. Taub.) were approved as follows:-</p> <p>a) Extant Notified Variety and VCK – 3 years from the date of publication of approval of Authority in Plant Variety Journal of India.</p> <p>b) Farmers Variety – 10 years from the date of publication of approval of Authority in Plant Variety Journal of India.</p>															
5.	<p>Fixation of DUS Fee and onsite DUS test fee for Pointed Gourd and Crossandra.</p>	<p>In accordance with Rule 29(1)(a) of PPVFR Rules, 2003 the proposal of DUS test fee of the following crop species was approved as given below:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Crop Species</th><th>DUS test fees</th><th>On-site DUS test fees</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Horse gram [<i>Macrotyloma uniflorum</i> (Lam.) Verdc.]</td><td>Rs.20,000/-</td><td>NA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gerbera (<i>Gerbera jamesonii</i> Adlem ex. Hooker f.)</td><td>Rs.50,000/-</td><td>NA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Coffee (<i>Coffea arabica</i> L. & <i>Coffea canephora</i> Pierre ex A. Froehner)</td><td>Rs.30,000/-</td><td>NA</td></tr> <tr> <td>Flue-Cured</td><td>Rs.30,000/-</td><td>NA</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Crop Species	DUS test fees	On-site DUS test fees	Horse gram [<i>Macrotyloma uniflorum</i> (Lam.) Verdc.]	Rs.20,000/-	NA	Gerbera (<i>Gerbera jamesonii</i> Adlem ex. Hooker f.)	Rs.50,000/-	NA	Coffee (<i>Coffea arabica</i> L. & <i>Coffea canephora</i> Pierre ex A. Froehner)	Rs.30,000/-	NA	Flue-Cured	Rs.30,000/-	NA
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6.	Gazette Notifications published in Official Gazette after 32 nd Meeting of PPVFR Authority for Information	The members noted the publication of Gazette Notifications under PPVFR Act, 2001 in Official Gazette.		
7.	Annual Reports 2019-20 and 2020-21	As a special case risen due to non-conduct of Authority meetings, the Annual Reports for the Financial year 2019-20 and 2020-21 which had to be placed before the Parliament as per the stipulated time for tabling it in both the houses during the past two years, <i>ex-post facto</i> approvals were granted.		
8.	To consider and approve audited Annual Accounts for the Financial year 2019-20 and 2020-21	As in the case of the Annual Reports, the CAG audited Annual Accounts for the Financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21 were also approved <i>ex-post facto</i> .		
9.	Appointment of Officers of PPVFR Authority	The members noted the information and acknowledged.		
10.	Addition of a general statement in DUS test guidelines of all crop species propagated through seed material, related to applications of hybrid varieties.	The members approved the addition of a general statement in DUS test guidelines of all crop species as proposed in the Agenda as, <i>"Where DUS testing of hybrid variety is involved, separate testing of hybrid and parental inbreds involved in the production of the hybrid will be followed in different locations maintaining confidentiality of the parents without involving any centres other than those belonging to the Authority only where testing is carried out by the Authority staff"</i>		

		only”.
12.	Amendment of Rule 20 (3) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 and Regulation 5 (1) of PPV&FR Regulations 2006	It was approved that Rule 20(3) be amended to the effect that the Recruitment to the posts outside Fourth Schedule such as the Registrar, Joint Registrar, Deputy Registrar etc., should be by promotion failing which by deputation and failing which by direct recruitment. Where feeder cadre was unavailable, direct recruitment could be resorted to. It was also observed that the Government needs to consider as special case the obvious involvement of conflict of interest or bias with the parent institution in the case of Registry staff, which is avoidable by eliminating the deputation option while amending the rules, so that recruitment rules can be accordingly revised by the Authority.
13.	Approval for the Recruitment Rules for the post of Plant Variety Examiner, Senior Technical Officer and Technical Assistant.	The members discussed as provided in the agenda and approved the recruitment rules providing promotion to the posts of Plant Variety Examiner, Senior Technical Officer and Technical Assistant and also to amend Rule 20 to provide promotional opportunities to posts provided in the Fourth Schedule.
All the items placed before the Authority for approval were approved unanimously without the necessity to put up the item for voting. The Chairperson thanked all the members for their active participation and discussion from their points of view which only added value and strength to the matter under discussion to come to the decision on approval. The Member Secretary presented the note of thanks to the Chair, members and all other staff of the Authority who provided the necessary inputs.		

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Recruitment Rules for the post of **Plant Variety Examiner**
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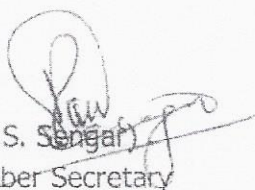
Details of Post	Description
1. Name/Designation of the post	Plant Variety Examiner
2. No. of Post	Two (02)
3. Classification	Group 'A' Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial
4. Pay Scale of the post	Level-10 pay scale of Rs. 56100-177500/-
5. Whether selection or non selection post	Selection
6. Age limit for Direct Recruits	Not exceeding of 45 years. Relaxable for SC/ST/OBC/PH/EWS/Departmental candidates as per Govt. of India norms.
7. Educational and other qualification required for direct recruits.	<p>Essential: Doctoral degree from ICAR/UGC recognized university or Internationally accredited University in Plant Breeding/Plant Breeding and Genetics/ Genetics/Agricultural Botany or In Forestry/Horticultural Sciences with specialization in Plant Breeding and Genetics.</p> <p>(The candidate must possesses Master's Degree in Agricultural Sciences from recognized university in Plant Breeding/Plant Breeding & Genetics/ Genetics/ Agricultural Botany or Forestry/Horticultural Sciences* with specialization in Plant Breeding and Genetics)</p> <p>*Horticultural sciences include all the disciplines of Horticultural sciences.</p> <p>Desirable: Research experience in Plant Varietal Improvement activities.</p>
8. Whether age & educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotes/deputationists	NA
9. Period of probation, if any	Two Years
10. Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/or transfer/absorption and percentage of the posts to filled by various method	(i) 50% by direct recruitment (ii) 50% by promotion failing which by direct recruitment.
11. In case of recruitment by promotion/ deputation/ absorption, grades from which promotion/ deputation/ absorption to be made	<p>(a) By promotion of Senior Technical Officer having 5 years regular service in the Level-7.</p> <p>(b) on failing (a) above the STO having minimum 10 years of combined regular service in the grade of STO</p>


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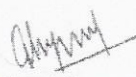
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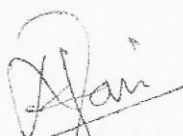
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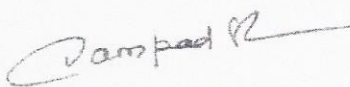
		and Technical Assistant with minimum 3 years regular service as STO in the Level-7. (c) on failing (b) above the STO having minimum 12 years of combined regular service in the grade of STO and Technical Assistant with minimum one year regular service as STO in the Level-7.	
12.	If a Department Promotion Committee exists, what is the composition	Registrar-General of the Authority or equivalent officer as nominated by Chairperson of the PPV&FRA	Chairman
		Registrar of the PPV&FRA nominated by the Chairperson of the Authority	Member
		One outside expert not below the rank of level-12 to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Authority	Member
		Co-opted member representing SC/ST/OBC/Women category not below the rank of level-12 to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Authority	Member



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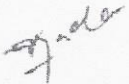
Details of Post		Description				
1.	Name/Designation of the post	Senior Technical Officer				
2.	No. of Post	Five (05)				
3.	Classification	Group 'B' Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial				
4.	Pay Scale of the post	Level-7 pay scale of Rs. 44900-142400/-				
5.	Whether selection or non selection post	Selection post				
6.	Age limit for Direct Recruits	Not exceeding 35 years relaxation for SC/ST/OBC/PH/EWS/Departmental candidates as per Govt. of India norms.				
7.	Educational and other qualification required for direct recruits	Essential: Master's Degree from recognized Universities in Agricultural Sciences in Plant Breeding/Plant Breeding& Genetics/ Genetics/Agricultural Botany or In Forestry/Horticultural Sciences* with specialization in Plant Breeding and Genetics *Horticultural sciences include all the disciplines of Horticultural sciences. Desirable: Minimum two years of Research experience in Plant Varietal Improvement				
8.	Whether age & educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotes/deputationists.	Not applicable				
9.	Period of probation, if any	Two years				
10.	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/or transfer/absorption and percentage of the posts to filled by various method	80% by direct recruitment 20% by promotion failing which by direct recruitment.				
11.	In case of recruitment by promotion/deputation/absorption, grades from which promotion/ deputation/ absorption to be made.	By promotion of Technical Assistant having 5 years regular service in the Level-6				
12.	If a Department Promotion Committee exists, what is the composition	<table><tr><td>Registrar of the Authority to be nominated by Competent Authority of PPV&FRA</td><td>Chairman</td></tr><tr><td>Joint Registrar to be nominated by Competent Authority, PPV&FRA</td><td>Member</td></tr></table>	Registrar of the Authority to be nominated by Competent Authority of PPV&FRA	Chairman	Joint Registrar to be nominated by Competent Authority, PPV&FRA	Member
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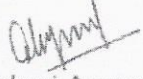
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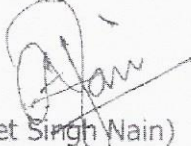


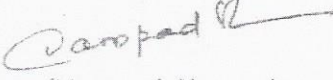
		One outside expert not below the rank of Under Secretary level-11 to be nominated by the Competent Authority.	Member
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Recruitment Rules for the post of **Technical Assistant**
in the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority

Details of Post		Description	
1.	Name/Designation of the post	Technical Assistant	
2.	No. of Post	One (01)	
3.	Classification	Group 'B' Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial	
4.	Pay Scale of the post	Level-6 pay scale of Rs. 35400-112400	
5.	Whether selection or non selection post	Selection post	
6.	Age limit for Direct Recruits	Not exceeding 35 years. Relaxation shall be given for SC/ST/OBC/PH/EWS as per Govt. of India norms.	
7.	Educational and other qualification required for direct recruits.	Essential: Bachelor Degree from recognized Universities in Agricultural Sciences/Horticultural/Forestry	
8.	Whether age & educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotes/deputationists.	Not applicable	
9.	Period of probation, if any	Two years	
10.	In case of recruitment by promotion/deputation/absorption, grades from which promotion/ deputation/ absorption to be made.	Not applicable	
11.	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/or transfer/absorption and percentage of the posts to filled by various method.	100% by Direct Recruitment	
12.	If a Department Promotion Committee exists, what is the composition	Registrar of the Authority to be nominated by the Competent Authority of PPV&FRA	Chairman
		Joint Registrar of the Authority to be nominated by the Competent Authority of PPV&FRA	Member
		One outside expert not below the rank of Level-11 to be nominated by the Competent Authority.	Member
		Co-opted member representing SC/ST/OBC/Women category not below the rank of level-11 to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Authority	Member

(R. S. Sengupta)
Member Secretary

(Rajbir Yadav)
Member

(Rashmi Aggarwal)
Member

(Ajeet Singh Nain)
Member

(Vampad Sharma)
Member

(R. G. Agrawal)
Chairman

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