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FARMERS' RIGHTS AUTHORITY

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F.No. PPV & FRA/01-12/2010/ 3183-98

Dated: 8th September, 2010

To

All Members of the PPV&FR Authority

Subject: Proceedings of the 11th Regular Meeting of the PPV&FR Authority held on 27th
August, 2010

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed a copy of the proceedings of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the
Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority held on 27th August, 2010 at 10:30 am at
NAAS Committee Room II, NASC Complex, New Delhi.

Your comments if any may kindly be communicated to the undersigned at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. A.K. Malhotra) 8/9/10

Encl: As above

Copy to: - PS to Chairperson 

**Proceedings of 11th Regular Meeting of PPV&FR Authority held on 27th August, 2010
at Committee Room no. II, NAAS, N.A.S.C. Complex New Delhi.**

The 11th Regular Meeting of PPV&FR Authority under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Nagarajan, Chairperson of the Authority was held on 27th August, 2010 in the Committee room no. II, NAAS, N.A.S.C. Complex, New Delhi.

Following members were present in the meeting:-

1. Dr. S. Nagarajan Chairperson, PPV&FR Authority.
2. Dr. S. Natesh, Senior Advisor, DBT, Govt. of India.
3. Dr. Gorakh Singh, Horticulture Commissioner, DoAC, Govt. of India.
4. Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, DoAC, Govt. of India.
5. Shri Satish Chandra, Joint Secretary & Legal Advisor Department of Legal Affairs, Govt. of India.
6. Dr. D.C. Bhandari, Director, NBPGR.
7. Shri Raju Barwale, Managing Director, Mahyco.
8. Mr. P. Narayanan Unny, Farmers' Representative.
9. Dr. A.K. Malhotra IFS, Registrar General, PPV&FR Authority: Member Secretary.

Following members could not attend the meeting:-

1. Smt. Upma Choudhary, Joint Secretary (Seeds), DoAC, Govt. of India.
2. Joint Secretary (dealing with Biosafety) MoEF, Govt. of India.
3. Dr. S. N. Puri, Vice Chancellor, Central Agriculture University, Manipur.
4. Dr. Swapan Kumar Dulta, DDG (CS), Division of Crop Science, ICAR Krishi Bhawan New Delhi.
5. Shri A.C. Zonunmawia, Coordinator & Chairman, Centre for Environment Protection, Aizwal.
6. Smt. Rachel Chatterjee, Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of A.P.
7. Dr. Vanaja Ramprasad, Managing Trustee, Green Foundation (Women Representative).

Non voting participants representing the members:-

1. R.C. Poonia, Joint Director Agriculture (C) Sirsa, (Haryana) represented Finance Commissioner & Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Haryana.

Following non voting participants from the Authority were present:-

1. Sh. R. K. Trivedi, Registrar (FC), PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi.
2. Dr. Manoj Srivastava, Registrar (Horti), PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi.
3. Dr. P.K. Singh, Registrar (Farmers' Rights) PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi.
4. Sh. J.P. Singh, Financial Advisor, PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi.
5. Sh. D. S. Raj Ganesh, LA-I, PPV& FR Authority, New Delhi.
6. Sh. R.R. Pradhan, LA-II, PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi.
7. Sh. D. R. Choudhury, Joint Registrar, PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi.
8. Sh. Rajeev Talwar, (SAO), PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi.

On Confirming from the Registrar General that there is adequate quorum to conduct the meeting, the Chairperson welcomed the Members and requested the Registrar General who is also the Member Secretary to conduct the official agenda of the meeting.

Agenda Item no.1:- Confirmation of the minutes of the 10th Authority Meeting held on 10th May, 2010.

The minutes of the 10th meeting of the Authority were circulated to the members vide letter No. PPV&FRA/01/11/2010 dated 25th May, 2010. No comments have been received from the members. As such the same were adopted.

Agenda Item no.2:- Action taken report on the minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Authority held on 10th May, 2010.

The Action taken report on the various agenda items of the 10th Meeting of the Authority held on 10th May, 2010 was presented. The members found the same in order and it was therefore accepted.

Agenda Item no.3:- Progress of Plant Varieties Registry.

The progress of plant varieties registry was briefed by the Registrar (FC). He informed about the updated position regarding the applications received, examined and the progress of conduct of DUS test of candidate varieties. The Chairperson desired that while giving information about the number of applications received in the Registry, the details about number of applications disposed off or rejected should also be given. The final figure of number of applications in hand should also be given separately.

Registrar –III briefed about status of farmers varieties. He informed that total 51 applications of farmer's varieties have been received in the Registry, out of which certificate have been issued for three varieties. The Members observed that inspite of conducting several training programme by the Authority the number of applications received for registration were very less. They desired that the chairperson should explore the possibility of conducting impact analyses for various training programmes organized by the Authority. For this work agencies, like Indian Statistical Institute or National Center for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research can be engaged in a scheme mode. Dr. S. Natesh, Senior Advisor from DBT, opined that the Authority should also explore the possibility of issuing a bi-annual news letter covering the entire activities of the Authority.

The Chairperson desired that the Registrar should not include all the applications received until now under the list, as in many cases certificates have already been issued, some have been withdrawn by the applicants and few have also been rejected. The list Chairperson pointed out should cover only those applications which are under active examination. Accordingly, summary of present status of applications with the Registry is as below.

Status of the crop wise application received in Plant Varieties Registry as on 31th July, 2010).

S. No.	Crop	New	Extant	Farmers'	EDV	Total
					-	
1.	Rice	85	194	36	-	315
2.	Maize	88	109	-	-	197
3.	Bread Wheat	6	41	6	-	53
4.	Pigeon pea (Tur/Arhar)	23	23	2	-	48
5.	Pearl millet (Bajra)	73	80	-	-	153
6.	Sorghum (Jowar)	70	75	1	-	146
7.	Chickpea (Bengal gram)	8	45	2	-	55
8.	Garden pea (Field pea)	3	11	-	-	14
9.	French bean (Rajmesh)	1	6	1	-	8
10.	Lentil (Masoor)	1	7	-	-	8
11.	Black gram (Urd bean)	2	14	-	-	16
12.	Green gram (Mung bean)	6	22	-	-	28
13.	Cotton	210	336	-	1	547
14.	Jute	4	12	-	-	16
15.	Sugarcane	2	-	-	-	2
16.	Castor	4	-	-	-	4
17.	Sunflower	3	9	-	-	12
	Total	589	984	48	1	1622

i. Status of registration of Farmers Varieties:

(a) Number of applications under processing :	48,	(Rice 39; Bread Wheat06; Pigeon Pea02; Sorghum 01; Chickpea 02; French Bean 01;)
(b) Field grow out test completed :	4,	Kharif 2009 : 01 (Rice) Rabi 2009 : 02 (Wheat) : 01 (Chickpea)
(c) Under field grow out test :	9,	Kharif 2010 : 08 (Chick pea) : 01 (Pigeon Pea)
(d) Status of other application under examination :	35	
• Application concerning varieties which are actually 'New Varieties' but submitted under Traditional Farmers' Variety category :	04	
• Number of application on which response to various clarifications sought by the registry is awaited :	30	
• Number of cases where applicants have not supplied the standard quality seed for testing :	01	

ii. Status of Awareness Programmes

• Number of awareness programmes approved during 2009-10. :	46
• Number of awareness programmes approved during 2010-11 till 12.08.2010. :	10
• Number of awareness programmes for which approval is in pipeline. :	40 (approx)

Agenda Item No.4:- DUS Guidelines for additional crop species for the purpose of registration under the Act

The DUS guidelines for the following 12 species which were circulated among the Members during the meeting were approved by the Authority with the observations that the agenda item no. 4 be rewritten as "DUS guidelines for additional crop species for the purpose of registration under the Act" and that the translation from English to Hindi names of the crops and their spellings be properly checked before forwarding the same to the Do AC for notification.

Serial Number	Common Name	Hindi/Local Name	Botanical Name
1.	Potato	Alu/ Aloo	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.
2.	Garlic	Lahsun	<i>Allium sativum</i> L.
3.	Onion	Pyaz	<i>Allium cepa</i> L.
4.	Tomato	Tamatar	<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> (L.) Karsten ex. Farw.
5.	Brinjal	Baigan	<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.
6.	Cabbage	Pattagobhi/ Bandhgobhi	<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>capitata</i>
7.	Cauliflower	Phoolgobhi	<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>botrytis</i>
8.	Lady's Finger	Bhindi	<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i> (L.) Moench
9.	Rose	Gulab	<i>Rosa</i> spp. (other than <i>R. damascena</i>)
10.	Mango	Aam	<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.
11.	Chrysanthemum	Guldaudi	<i>Chrysanthemum</i>
12.	Isabgol	Isabgol	<i>Plantago ovata</i> Forsk

Agenda Item no. 5:- Annual Report 2009-10 of the PPV&FR Authority

Agenda Item no.14:- Annual Accounts for 2009-10.

Agenda Item no. 5 and 14 were taken up together as both relate to the documents which are to be placed before the Parliament.

Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Authority for 2009-10 was placed before the Members. Mr. P. Narayanan Unny the farmers' representative pointed out one typographical mistake at page no. 6 in the report. The Chairperson observed that before the report is sent for printing it should be thoroughly checked again by all the three Registrars concerning their portion. The Annual Report for the year 2009-10 was approved the Authority.

Financial Report

The members were informed about the statutory requirement of placing the audited financial report of the Authority in both the houses of the parliament. However, before that, the same is required to be approved by the Authority. The annual account for 2009-10 of the Authority has been audited by the CAG and the final report is under preparation. The Members desired that a special meeting of the Authority may be convened in September 2010 to discuss and approve the audited financial report of the Authority. The Members also desired that a committee may be constituted in the Authority to prepare a draft administrative and financial rules for the Authority which should be in line with the rules of the other statutory bodies of the Government of India.

Agenda Item no.6:- Progress regarding construction of Plant Authority Bhawan.

The Registrar General briefed the members about the progress regarding the construction of the Plant Authority Bhawan. The Members while expressing satisfaction about the same opined that the architectural design of the Bhawan, may be prepared after considering the design and structure of various national and international IPR buildings.

Agenda Item no.7:- Status of Court Cases

Detailed information about the various court cases filed in different High Courts as on 3.8.2010 was annexed with the agenda notes for the information of the members. It was informed that the legal cell was diligently preparing/ filing the counter affidavits in various courts and was in regular touch with the different standing counsels for monitoring the progress and making available all the documents in time for the purpose of these cases. The members expressed their satisfaction regarding this.

Agenda Item no. 8:- Opening of Regional Offices of the PPV&FRA

The Members were updated about the progress made in this regard so far by the Registrar General who is the authority's representative in the site selection committee constituted by the Chairperson for this purpose.

Agenda Item no.9:- Foreign visit of the Registrar General

Members were informed about the visit to USPTO, HQ at Alexandria, USA undertaken by the Registrar General, PPV&FRA recently.

Agenda Item no.10:- Fixation of DUS test fees for Oil Seed crops notified for registration

The Authority accorded their approval to Rs. 20000/- per entry as being the DUS test fees for oil seed crops.

Agenda Item no.11:- Resignation of employees of PPV&FRA

The Members were informed about the resignation of two employees of the PPV&FRA. The same was approved and for future authorized the Chairperson to accept the resignation of employees on behalf of the Authority.

Agenda Item no. 12:- Completion of probation of the offices/ staff appointed in the PPV&FRA on Direct Recruitment basis.

The members were informed about some of the officers/ staff of the Authority appointed on direct recruitment basis having completed their two years of probationary period as per their conditions of appointment and about the need to take further steps in this regard as brought out in the agenda notes.

The Authority approved for constitution of "Probation Clearance Committee" (PCC) by the Chairperson PPV&FRA. The mandate of the Committee would be to examine the track record of the concerned officer, his confidential reports, recording of his superior and the service book; based on which the committee has to recommend the clearance of probation or extending the probation period further. The PCC will meet at least once in a year to take up all such cases. The PCC will consist of four (4 nos.) Members to be approved by the Chairperson and will comprise of the following:

- (i) Registrar General – Chairman
- (ii) Outside Technical Expert - Member
- (iii) Representative from SC/ST- Member
- (iv) I/c Administration – Member Secretary

The outside member would be eligible for TA/DA as applicable in such cases. Non-official members of the PCC would be paid sitting charges as per rules. The Chairperson was empowered to approve the recommendation of PCC and place it for the information of the members in the next meeting of the Authority.

Agenda Item no. 13:- Recruitment Rules for various posts of the Authority

The Authority approved the recruitment rules as annexed with the agenda for various posts which have been agreed for creation by the EFC for the 11th plan.

Before concluding the meeting the Chairperson informed the members about the completion of his tenure on 13th Oct, 2010 and hoped that this would perhaps be the last meeting of the Authority with his being in the Chair. He took this opportunity to express his heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the previous and present members of the Authority for their help and cooperation in establishing and smooth functioning of the Authority. He also thanked the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, the ICAR and all other Govt. departments, organizations and the office staff for their assistance in smooth functioning of the Authority during his five year tenure (2005-10).

On their part, the members appreciated and commended Dr. S. Nagarajan the first Chairperson for rendering valuable services in establishing the Authority and successfully running the affairs with excellent results.

The Registrar General on behalf of all the members, the office staff and on his own expressed his gratitude to the Chairperson for providing guidance and technical inputs during this period. As a mark of appreciation and acknowledgement of gratitude the Chairperson was presented a bunch of flowers.

The 11th regular meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the members and the Chairperson by the member secretary.