



पौधा किस्म और कृषक अधिकार संरक्षण प्राधिकरण की स्थायी समीति
की पहली बैठक की कार्यवृत्त

**Minutes of the
1st Meeting of the
Standing Committee of PPV&FR Authority**

(31 मई, 2017 को आयोजित 27वीं बैठक के दौरान प्राधिकरण द्वारा अनुमोदित)
(As approved by the Authority during its 27th Meeting held on 31 May 2017)

स्थान : श्री पुरुषोत्तम राव, कृषि संशोधन, प्रतिष्ठान, तिरथाहल्ली-577432,
कर्नाटक

**Venue: Shri Purushotham Rao Krishi Sanshodhana,
Partishtan, Thirthahalli-577432, Karnataka**

समय : 11:00 पूर्वाह्न

Time : 11:00 AM

दिनांक : 24 अप्रैल, 2017

Date : 24th April 2017

**पौधा किस्म और कृषक अधिकार संरक्षण प्राधिकरण
Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority**

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The following members were present:

- (i) Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur - 848125
- (ii) Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Director, NBPGR, New Delhi-110012.
- (iii) Sh. Aruna Kumara V.K. Director, Krishi Prayoga Pariwara, Krishi Nivas, Kuruvali, Thirthahali, Shimoga District, Karnataka-577432

Leave of absence was granted to

- (i) Dr. Jeet Singh Sandhu, Deputy Director General (Crop Science) ICAR, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 110 114
- (ii) Sh. Bihari Lal Sharma, Executive Director, Youth for Sustainable Development, B-2 M.C. Car Parking-cum Commercial Complex, Near H.P. High Court, Shimla - 171001.

The following special invitees were present.

- (i) Dr. Nikki Kumari, Member, PPVFRA
- (ii) Dr. Nayak, Director of Research, Central Agricultural University,
- (iii) Dr. Hanumanthappa, Associate Director of Research, ZAHRS, UAHS.
- (iv) Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, PPVFRA
- (v) Dr. Ravi Prakash, Registrar, PPVFRA

Chairperson, PPV&FR Authority gave the welcome address and stated that this is a landmark meeting as this is the first meeting of the standing committee of PPV&FR Authority and that the standing committee has to guide the Authority on all important issues including the farmers' rights. The convener of the meeting Dr. R.C. Agrawal, Registrar-General stated that the quorum was three and the same has been fulfilled. He further requested the members to grant leave of absence to Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Chairman of the Standing Committee as he had urgent pre-occupations and as per procedure laid down in Rule 17(2) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 members may select a presiding officer from amongst themselves. It was unanimously decided by the members that Dr. R.C. Srivastava, VC, Central Agriculture University was selected as presiding officer of the standing committee in view of the leave of absence being granted to Chairman of the Standing Committee. Thereafter the convener presented the agenda items.

Agenda Number	Agenda Description	Details
1	Progress of the Registry	The Committee expressed its satisfaction at the progress of the Registry. The progress about applications of farmers varieties was appreciated.
2	Enabling farmers/ farming communities to apply for Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Reward and Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Recognition	It was unanimously decided that a farmer occurring in Section 39(1)(iii) of PPV&FR Act, 2001 includes farmers and farming communities and accordingly it was decided that farmers and farming communities who are outside the agro-biodiversity hotspots (identified by the Authority) and engaged in conservation of genetic resources of land races and wild relatives of economic plants and their improvement through selection and preservation shall also be considered for Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Reward and Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Recognition respectively. The other condition for these awards shall remain as it is.
3	Prioritizing crops for notification	The standing committee requested to furnish a list of crops group-wise to decide the priorities for further consideration.
4	Developing characterization and documentation of registered varieties	The standing committee suggested that the soft copies of compendium of registered varieties published by the Authority be uploaded in the website of the Authority.
5	Documenting, indexing and cataloguing of farmers' varieties and Compulsory cataloguing facilities for all varieties of plants	The standing committee stated that the PPV&FRA should co-ordinate with BMCs through NBA to document, index and catalogue farmers' varieties using PBRs.
6	Collecting statistics with regard to plant varieties, including the contribution of any person at any time in the evolution or development of any plant varieties, in India or any other country, for compilation and publication	PPV&FR Authority will co-ordinate with NBA to collect statistics using PBR and also through BMCs, Agricultural Census Division of Ministry of Agriculture in this regard.
7	Issues involved in report of EDV committee constituted by PPV&FR Authority	The standing committee deferred this agenda as the final recommendation of EDV committee are awaited.

8	Compilation and maintenance of database of all extant varieties within and outside India (Rule 22 (4))	The standing committee advised that the database of PPV&FR Authority should further be updated and enriched. As the databases were developed about 10 years back and the technology has changed, the PPV&FRA must make efforts to use latest technology for online availability and mobile apps. The server of NIC may be explored in this regard.
9	Procurement of details of regarding use of crop variety in the country and bringing the same into database(Rule 22 (5)) and Obtaining information on production and use of varieties and its characteristic and true sample (Rule 22(6))	The PPV&FR Authority may procure details of use of crop variety in the country and bring the same into database in multiple modes including advertisement in newspapers, request to all the stakeholders, request through NSAI, and co-ordination with NBPGR etc., The committee also suggested that the Authority should obtain UPOV database through subscription or otherwise.
10	Registration of Farmers Varieties belonging to Awardees/ Rewardees of Plant Genome Saviour Community Awards/Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Reward/ Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Recognition:-	The standing committee recommended that in future the awardees/rewardees and farmers to be recognized must submit applications for registration of their varieties notified for registration prior to the grant of Award/Reward and Recognition.
11	Revision of Agro-biodiversity hotspots.	<p>The Standing Committee emphasized for the need to revise the list of agro-biodiversity hotspots.</p> <p>The above recommendation was rephrased by Members during the 27th Authority meeting held on 31 May 2017 as</p> <p>The Standing Committee emphasized for the need to revisit the list of agro-biodiversity hotspots identified by the Authority</p>
12	Restricting DUS testing to one location instead of two locations	<p>The standing committee felt that restricting DUS testing to one location instead of two locations is not feasible and if the Authority feels a necessity in this regard a committee may be constituted for study of the same and may put up agenda again with recommendation of the committee.</p> <p>The above recommendation was not approved by the Members during the 27th Authority meeting held on 31 May 2017.</p>

13	Payment of Annual fees for Famers variety from Authority Fund.	The standing Committee recommended for approval the proposal that the annual fees for farmers variety would be paid by the Authority from Authority Fund. As if there is a continuous default of two years in payment of annual fee of registered farmers varieties then registration of such variety has to be cancelled and recovery has to be initiated against the farmer. Accordingly, to mitigate the hardship of farmers and to recommend the registration of farmers varieties it has been approved as above.
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The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.
