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Proceedings of the 14th Meeting of the Authority

October 20, 2011

Venue: Committee Room, NAAS, National Agricultural
Science Complex, New Delhi



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14th Meeting of the Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority
held on 20th October, 2011 at 11 AM at NAAS, Committee Room, NASC
Complex, New Delhi

Attendance: As per **annexure I**.

The members who could not attend the meeting included Shri S.K.G Rahate, Shri V Nagireddy, Shri Hem Pande, Dr. S.N. Puri, Dr. Swapan Kumar Dutta, Dr. Gorakh Singh, Dr. K.C Bansal, Shri A C Zonunmawia.

At the outset the Member Secretary of the committee extended warm welcome to the members of the Authority and other invitees. He requested the Chairman to felicitate Dr. Gurbachan Singh on his taking over as Chairman ASRB. Thereafter, he requested the Chair to conduct the meeting as the quorum is complete. Before the start of discussion on subsequent agenda items a certificate of the conflict of interest, if any, by the members of the committee on any of the agenda items to be taken up in this meeting was obtained. It was observed that none of the members had any conflict of interest with respect to any of the agenda items for the meeting. After this the agenda items were deliberated upon and the following decisions were taken:-

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 13th Authority meeting held on 28th June, 2011.

The revised minutes of the 13th meeting after including the input of the members of the Authority were circulated and confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of 13th meeting of the Authority held on 28th June, 2011.

Action taken in respect of Item Nos. 1 to 6 and 8 to 11 were noted by the members with satisfaction.

Regarding Item No. 7 it was informed by the Chairperson that comprehensive proposal for amendment in rules & regulations has been forwarded to Ministry of Agriculture for approval. It was emphasized by the committee that necessary approval may be expedited.

After deliberations, the action taken report of the 13th meeting of the Authority was approved.

Action : Registrar II

Agenda Item No. 3: Progress on Plant Variety Registry

The Chairman expressed satisfaction about the progress of the Plant Varieties Registry and also informed the house that a large number of applications for farmers' varieties have been received through the initiative of Director (Agriculture), Orissa & CRRI, Cuttack. Member

Secretary informed the members of Authority that a total of 3053 applications of 35 crops have been received for registration upto 20th Sept, 2011 and the status of the same is given below.

(a) Category wise number of applications received

Category	Number of applications
New Varieties	974
Extant Varieties	1423
Farmers' Varieties	654
Essentially Derived Varieties	2
Total	3053

(b) Status as per stages of processing

Description	Number of varieties
Certificate Issued	290
Under DUS tests (1 st / 2 nd year)	270
DUS test completed	57
Approved for DUS test	35
Seeds or fees awaited	198
Under first stage of examination	300
Under final stage of examination	1391
Rejected or withdrawn	62
Recently received	450
Total	3053

The members appreciated the progress and the same was noted. The representative of the DAC suggested that Ministry of Agriculture wants the Authority to prepare crop-wise tabular analysis of the certificate issued by the Authority. It was clarified that such information is available in the agenda notes (Annexure II) . It was decided that if necessary an agenda item on analysis of crop-wise certificates issued by the Authority may be prepared for the next meeting.

Action: Registrar II

Agenda Item No. 4: Status of Essentially Derived Varieties

The members appreciated the efforts made by the PPV & FR Authority in constitution of an expert committee under the chairmanship of Dr. B.S Dhillon, Vice Chancellor, PAU, Ludhiana for recommendation of registration of EDVs and desired to convene a meeting at an early date. It was decided that one representative from Department of Agriculture & Cooperation as a special invitee will be kept on the committee constituted for making recommendations about EDVs for registration under PPV & FR Act. Apart from this special invitees from other departments/agencies will be invited as and when required.

Action: Registrar II

Agenda Item No. 5 : Annual Report 2010-11 of the PPV & FR Authority.

The draft of the Annual Report was circulated amongst the members and the same was appreciated. Minor suggestions by the members have been incorporated in the text. It was decided that the sharpness of the photos and print should be taken care of in the final printing of the report. With these observations the annual report was approved.

Action : Registrar II/JR (DRC)

Agenda Item No. 6: Status of Court Cases

The members of the Authority were apprised about the status of court cases in different court of the country and the same was noted by the members.

Action : Registrar II/LA I

Agenda item No. 7: Construction of Plant Authority Campus.

The members were apprised of the latest position of construction of Plant Authority Campus. A brief presentation of the plans of the proposed Plant Authority Campus was also made by the representative of the Architectural Firm. The members appreciated the efforts of the Authority and desired to speed up the process. The drawings and estimates of the campus were discussed and approved.

Action : Registrar II

Agenda Item No. 8: Plant Genome Savior Community Award 2010-11.

The progress made regard to the Plant Genome Savior Community Award was explained by the Member Secretary to confer the five awards of Rs. 10 lakhs each to selected communities. Wide publicity has been given through 15 popular newspapers and circulation to State Agricultural Universities, ICAR institutes/ICAR published magazines, KVKs, National Biodiversity Authority and State Biodiversity Boards etc. The members noted with satisfaction and appreciated the progress made. It was decided to initiate the awards for individual farmers.

Action : Registrar III

Agenda Item No. 9: Repatriation of Dr. A. K. Malhotra, Registrar-General, PPV&FRA to his parent department.

The action taken was noted.

Agenda Item No. 10: Filling up of the post of Registrar-General PPV&FRA.

The Member Secretary informed about the progress made for filling up the post of Registrar General. He further stated that wide publicity has been given by placing advertisement in newspapers and circulation to different departments, ICAR institutes, SAUs and other scientific organizations for inviting applications up to 24th October, 2011 for filling up the post

of Registrar General. The members appreciated the speedy action taken by the Authority to fill up the post.

Action : Registrar II/Admn.

Agenda Item No. 11: Filling up of the post of Registrars in the Authority.

The Member Secretary informed that out of the two vacant posts of Registrars, one has been filled up. Dr. Tejbir Singh, Technical Officer (T-9) of the ICAR has joined as Registrar on deputation basis w.e.f. 17th June, 2011. For the second vacant post the process of selection is in progress. The Authority will be informed as soon as the post is filled up.

The members noted the same.

Action : Registrar III/Admn.

Agenda Item No. 12: Filling up of the post of Computer Assistant reserved for physically handicapped.

The interview for filling up the post of Computer Assistant reserved for physically handicapped was held on 13th September, 2011. The offer of the appointment has been sent to the selected candidate. The members noted the progress.

Action : Registrar III/Admn.

Agenda Item No. 13 : Recognition of hospitals for the employees of PPV&FRA.

It was informed to the members of the Authority that as follow-up action of its earlier decision 37 CGHS empanelled hospitals in NCR have been recognized by the PPV&FRA for providing treatment to employees. Accordingly, the employees of the PPV&FRA can get indoor treatments in these hospitals on CGHS rates. The members noted the progress.

Action : Registrar III/Admn.

Agenda Item No. 14 : DUS guidelines for additional crop species for the purpose of registration.

The member secretary informed that the DUS test guidelines for three genera of Orchids viz. *Cymbidium*, *Vanda* and *Dendrobium* have been finalized by the Task Force on orchids. The guidelines have been published in the Plant Variety Journal of India, Vol. No. 5, No. 10. The proposal will be forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture for notification under Section 29 (2). It was further stated that two more commercially important genera of orchids namely *Phalaenopsis* and *Cattleya* have been prioritised for development of DUS test guidelines and work has been initiated.

The members noted the progress with satisfaction.

Action : Registrar II

Agenda Item No. 15 : Gazette Notifications

The member secretary informed that following notifications had been published in the Gazette of India:

- a) Nine crop species covering wheat, coconut, periwinkle, Indian Pennywort, Rose, Blond Psyllium and Menthol Mint were notified for registration vide S.O.1913 (E) dated 18.08.2011.
- b) National Bio-diversity Authority, Chennai and Indian Council of Agricultural Research have been notified in the Official Gazette vide S.O.1912(E) dated 18.08.2011 to which the PPV&FR Authority will forward the copies of registration certificates issued under the PPV&FR Act, 2001.

The members noted the progress. It was also decided that the information of registration certificates issued half yearly will be sent to DAC as well.

Action: Registrar II/LA I

Agenda Item No. 16 : Any other item with the permission of the Chairperson.

Sitting fee to the members of the Authority and other committees constituted by the PPV & FRA.

It has been decided that henceforth the members of the committee may be given sitting fees at the rate of Rs. 2000/- to each member attending the meeting of the PPV & FR Authority. As regards the members of other committees constituted by PPV & FRA sitting fees of Rs. 1600/- per member will be paid irrespective of the member being official or non-official.

Action : Registrar II/FA

Supplementary Agenda

Agenda Item No. 17 : Consideration of minutes of 17th meeting of Extant Variety Recommendation Committee (EVRC).

The 17th meeting of Extant Variety Recommendation Committee (EVRC) constituted by the PPV & FR Authority was held on August 8, 2011 in the Committee Room of the Authority. A total of 62 applications were placed before the Committee for examination out of which 61 applications were recommended for processing further for registration. One application was deferred because of wrong Gazette notification of the candidate variety. The minutes of 17th EVRC meeting was considered by members and approved.

Action: Registrar II

Agenda Item No. 18: Consideration of Annual Accounts of the Authority for the year 2010-11.

The Annual Accounts of the Authority for the year 2010-11 containing balance sheet, income and expenditure, receipt and payment, notes and policies along with a copy of separate

audit report of C & AG including point-wise replies of management were considered by members and approved. It was also decided that in future the detailed annual accounts of the Authority may be sent to the members along with the agenda items. The members desired that the process of getting utilization certificates may be further streamlined. The Chairman informed that there is considerable progress in this regard and all out efforts are being ensured.

Action : FA/SAO

Agenda Item No. 19 : Compendium of plant varieties.

For fulfillment of provisions under Section 8 (2) (d & f) regarding compulsory cataloguing facilities of all varieties of plants and collecting statistics with regard to plant varieties, including the contribution of any person at any time in the evolution or development of any plant variety in India or in any other country, for compilation and publication. The draft catalogue for cereals, pulses and fibres was considered by members and approved. It was suggested that such information may be compiled for other crops as well.

Action : Registrar II/III

Agenda Item No. 20 : Consideration of minutes of 1st Meeting of Standing Committee on Farmers' Rights.

The first meeting of Standing Committee on Farmers' Rights was held on 14th October, 2011 under the chairmanship of Prof. R. B Singh. The minutes of meeting were circulated. The Chairman explained briefly to the members the steps taken by the Authority for awareness generation among the farmers' about the provisions of PPV & FR Act relating to farmers' rights. The documentation on awareness programme compiled by the Former Registrar Dr. P.K Singh was appreciated and approved. The suggestions/decisions taken in the first meeting of the standing committee on farmers' rights were appreciated by the committee and the same were approved for implementation.

Action : Registrar III

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Manoj Srivastava)
Member Secretary

Annexure I

List of the participants in the meeting:-

S. No.	Name of the Member	Designation	Capacity
Members of the Authority			
1.	Dr. P.L. Gautam	Chairperson, Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority, NASC Complex, DPS Marg, New Delhi	Chair
2.	Dr Gurbachan Singh	Agriculture Commissioner, DoAC, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi	Member
3.	Dr S Natesh	Senior Advisor (Scientist-H) Department of Biotechnology Ministry of Science & Technology Block-2, CGO Complex Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003	Member
4.	Shri Satish Chandra	Joint Secretary & Legal Advisor, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi	Member
5.	Shri Raju Barwale	Managing Director, Mahyco, Mumbai	Member
6.	Shri P. Narayanan Unny	Farmers' Representative, Navara Eco Farm, Karukamani Kalam, Pallakkad, Kerala	Member
9.	Dr. Manoj Srivastava	Registrar, PPV & FRA	Member Secretary
Non-Member representing the Members of the Authority			
1.	Smt. Smriti Sharan, Director (Seeds)	Representative of Shri S.K.G Rahate, JS (Seeds), DoAC	
2.	Dr. R. P Dua, ADG (FFC), ICAR	Representative of Dr. S.K Dutta, DDG, ICAR	
3.	Shri Suresh Kumar, Deputy Director (Agriculture), Faridabad	Representative of Shri Roshal Lal, Finance Commissioner & Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Govt. of Haryana	