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Protection of Plant Varieties and  
Farmers' Rights Authority

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To

Dr. N.B. Singh  
Agricultural Commissioner,  
Government of India,  
Dept. of Agriculture & Cooperation,  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001

**Subject: Proceedings of the fourth meeting of the PPV&FRA held on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2007.**

Sir,

I am forwarding a copy of the proceedings of the fourth meeting of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority held on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2007 at Committee Room-III, NAAS, NASC Complex, New Delhi-110 012 under the Chairmanship of the Chairperson, PPV&FR Authority for kind information.

Yours faithfully,

(R.K. Trivedi)  
Registrar

**Encl: As above**

**Copy for information to:** P.S. To Chairperson, PPV&FRA, NASC Complex,  
New Delhi – 110012

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**Proceedings of the Fourth Regular Meeting of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority held on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2007 at Committee Room-III, NAAS, NASC Complex, New Delhi-12.**

**Following Members were present in the meeting:-**

1. Dr. S. Nagarajan, Chairperson, PPV&FR Authority, NASC Complex, New Delhi.
2. Dr. P.L. Gautam, DDG (Crop Sciences), ICAR, Krishi Bhwan, New Delhi.
3. Mr. M.L. Chowdhury, Horticultural Commissioner, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, New Delhi.
4. Dr. S. Natesh Adviser Grade – I, Dept. of Biotechnology, New Delhi.
5. Shri D. R. Meena, Joint Secretary & GC, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice, New Delhi.
6. Sh. Sanjeev Chopra, Secretary Agriculture, West Bengal.
7. Dr. S.K. Sharma, Director, National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources New Delhi.
8. Mr. Manvendra S. Kachole, Head, Dept. of Biotechnology, Shetkari Sangathan Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Vidyapeeth, Aurangabad (Maharashtra)
9. Dr. F.B. Patil, Director (Technical), M/s Ajeet Seeds Ltd., Aurangabad.

**Member Secretary:-**

1. Sh. R.K. Trivedi, Registrar, PPV&FR Authority, NASC Complex, New Delhi.

**Members who did not attended the meeting:**

1. Dr. N.B. Singh, Agricultural Commissioner, Government of India, Dept. of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi.
2. The Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Dr. Roytre Christopher Laloo, Department of Botany, North Eastern Hill University, NEHU Campus, Shillong.
4. Shri N.P. Patil, Secretary (Agriculture, Govt. of Maharashtra, Agriculture & Horticulture Dept., Mumbai.
5. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi.

The Chairperson welcomed the Members. He introduced Dr. P.L. Gautam, DDG (Crop Science), ICAR and Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, Secretary (Agriculture), West Bengal as

they first time attended the Authority meeting. After the welcome remarks, the agenda items were presented for discussion by the Member Secretary.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE PPV&FR AUTHORITY**

The proceedings of the Third Meeting of the Authority which was held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 at Regional Fruit Research Station, Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Vengurla, Maharashtra were adopted with the observations that the inclusion of one member of PPV&FR Authority in Selection Committee for post having pay-scale of Rs. 12,500-16,500 or above (Agenda Note: 4) is in order and the whole process can be, if felt necessary, re-examined at some other appropriate time.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2:**

**2.1: SELECTION FOR THE POST OF REGISTRAR GENERAL**

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**2.2: POSITION ABOUT SELECTION OF OTHER POSTS IN THE AUTHORITY**

The members noted these developments and endorsed the steps taken to fill up the position of Registrar General and other positions in the Authority.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: ENGAGING REGISTRATION ASSISTANT FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.**

The Authority in its third meeting held at Regional Fruit Research Station, Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Vengurla, Maharashtra, approved engaging Registration Assistants with Master's Degree and one year experience on contractual basis for a period of one year. Now that there is a heavy work load in Registrar's Office and the public plant breeding institutions are submitting large number of applications for registration of extant varieties, there is a need to engage more Registration Assistants on an annual basis but not exceeding three years with a consolidated pay of Rs. 10,000/- with an annual increment of Rs. 750/-. No other allowances are admissible.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: PROGRESS OF THE AUTHORITY:**

##### **4.1: REGISTRATION OF 12 NOTIFIED CROP SPECIES**

The members noted the progress in respect of registration of varieties of 12 notified crop species. The DDG (Crop Science), ICAR informed that more than 300 applications from ICAR is in pipeline for submission to the Authority for registration of extant varieties. It was decided that after following the prescribe procedures, the applications from ICAR and other public institutions may be acknowledge by the Office of the Registrar. Any objection or additional information on the application may be called after acknowledging the applications.

##### **4.2: CONDUCTING DUS TEST**

The DDG (Crop Science) mentioned that the agreement with the PPV&FR Authority for conducting DUS test at ICAR Centers will be completed soon.

##### **4.3: REGISTRY**

The members noted the satisfactory progress on the establishment of plant varieties registry in the Officer of the Registrar, PPV&FR Authority.

##### **4.4: NATIONAL GENE BANK**

The members noted the progress made on establishing the National Gene Bank in the premises of NBPGR and appreciated the efforts in that direction.

##### **4.5 DEVELOPMENT OF DUS TEST GUIDELINES FOR DIFFERENT CROPS**

The members noted the progress made by various Task Force on the finalization of descriptors for different crops. It was informed that in crops like Lucerne and Burseem, the Task Force did not observe any genetic variation within the varieties. It was, therefore, decided that all those crops where little or no genetic variation exist between varieties, the work for development of descriptors may not be taken up.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: SECOND PLANT GENOME SAVIOR COMMUNITY RECOGNITION**

It was decided that the application form and procedures for Plant Variety Genome Savior Community Recognition from the National Gene Fund may be circulated. It was suggested that citation certificate may also be revised in the light of suggestion/ feedback received from various agencies.

**Agenda No. 7: Procedure for selection of various posts in the Authority**

This agenda item was deferred.

**Agenda No. 8: Appointment of Legal Advisor in the Authority**

The Authority endorsed the appointment of Sh. D.S. Raj Ganesh as legal Advisor in the PPV FR Authority, following the guideline given to the PPV&FRA.

**Agenda No. 9: Other Items**

The members noted with satisfaction that the Authority is making payment of Rs. 6.36 lakhs to ITPGFRA as contribution as per direction of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of India for two years. They also noted about the annual budget provision of the Authority and new project proposals sent to Seed Division, DoAC for release of fund to various centers during current financial year. The members observed that looking to the increased activities of PPV&FRA the Central Government may allocate Annual Budget to the PPV&FRA as the present allocation (BE) of Rs. 5.00 lakhs for 2007-08 as the present budget is inadequate.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and Members of the Authority