



## **Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Authority**

**Venue** : Board Room, NASC Complex, Delhi  
**Time** : 11:30 AM  
**Date** : **11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 (Friday)**

**Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority**  
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Meeting Type	Authority Meeting	Date and Time	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 11:30 Hrs.
Subject	26 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the PPV&FR Authority		
Venue	Board Room, IGH, NASC Complex, New Delhi		
Attendance	<p><b><u>The following members attended the meeting:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, PPV&amp;FR Authority</li> <li>2. Shri R.K.Singh, IAS, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India</li> <li>3. Shri Inder Kumar, Joint Secretary (Law), Ministry of Law and Justice, Govt. of India</li> <li>4. Dr. S.K. Malhotra, Agriculture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India</li> <li>5. Dr. Mohd. Aslam, Adviser/ Scientist 'G', Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science &amp; Technology, Govt. of India</li> <li>6. Dr. J.S.Chauhan, ADG, ICAR (for Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Deputy Director General (Crop Sciences), ICAR</li> <li>7. Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Director, ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi</li> <li>8. Dr. Sujata Arora, Adviser, Ministry of Environment &amp; Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi – 110003</li> <li>9. Sh. Bihari Lal Sharma, Executive Director, Youth for Sustainable Development, Shimla-171001</li> <li>10. Sh. Aruna Kumar V.K., Director, Krishi Prayoga Pariwara, Krishi Nivas, Shimoga, Karnataka-577432</li> <li>11. Sh. M Prabhakar Rao, Chairman and Managing Director, Nuziveedu Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, Telangana-500034</li> <li>12. Dr. Nikki Kumari (Hembrom), Hanuman Nagar, Kankarbagh, Patna-800020</li> <li>13. Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar-General, PPV&amp;FR Authority (Member Secretary)</li> </ol>		

## Introduction

At the outset, Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Member Secretary and Registrar-General, PPV& FR Authority welcomed all the members. He informed that following five (7) members have been appointed by the Central Government -

<b>Representative of</b>	<b>Name/designation</b>	<b>Date of appointment</b>
1. Representative from a National or State level Farmers' organization	Shri 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.	30.9.2016
2. Representative from Tribal Organization	Shri Aruna Kumara VK, Director, Krishi Prayoga Pariwara, Krishi Nivas, Kuruvalli, Thirthahalli, Shimoga District, Karnataka – 577432.	30.9.2016
3. Representative from Seed Industry	Shri M Prabhakar Rao, Chairman and Managing Director, Nuziveedu Seeds Private Limited, NSL Icon, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor, Opp. ICICI Bank, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana-500034.	30.9.2016
4. Representative from Agricultural University	The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur-848125.	30.9.2016
5. Representative from Women's organization	Dr. Nikki Kumari (Hembrom), MIG 52, Hanuman Nagar, Kankarbagh, Patna - 800020.	30.9.2016
6. Representative from State Governments	Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Maharashtra	30.9.2016
7. Representative from State Governments	Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Madhya Pradesh	30.9.2016

	The Chairperson also welcomed the members.
Declaration of Conflict of Interest by Members	All the members submitted duly filled forms for the declaration of conflict of interest. There was no conflict of interest by any member.

### Action Taken Report on 25<sup>th</sup> Authority Meeting

Agenda Number	Agenda description	Details
1.	Confirmation of the minutes of the of the last meeting held on 10 February, 2016	The minutes of 25 <sup>th</sup> Authority meeting held on 10 February, 2016 were adopted by the Authority.
2.	Action Taken Report on the minutes of 25 <sup>th</sup> Authority meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	<p>It was informed that the office of the Authority has taken necessary action on all recommendations of the 25th Authority Meeting.</p> <p>Some of the members enquired that in the item no. 7 of the 25th Authority meeting "Notification of compensation under section 41 (3) of PPV&amp;FR Act, 2001" what is the basis for proposing maximum limit of compensation to be imposed under section 41 at Rs. 18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs only). It was informed by Registrar General that the rationale behind fixing the amount is that the original jurisdiction of Hon'ble Delhi High Court is Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs only) and accordingly the amount has been fixed. Members felt that as there are certain varieties which can generate very high revenues and reward the breeders without any limit, the upper limit of Rs. 18 Lakhs may not be appropriate. Therefore, there is no need of fixing any maximum limit of compensation. The matter may be again put up to Authority after deliberations with NBA in this regard.</p>

		<p>Agenda item from 25th Authority meeting related to EDV - "Minutes of the EDV Expert Committee of 16th May 2016" for point no. 4 i.e. "Representation by the NSAI for NOC from Technology Provider", Members felt that a rationale is required on its decision to modify the NOC stipulation, which was objected to by NSAI. The minutes of the Expert Committee indicate that the committee decided to substitute the NOC with a license agreement or any other proof without giving any rational. The objection raised by NSAI is that "the stipulation of NOC is leading to signing of license agreement which is not required as per the provisions of the PPVFR Act". Some of the Members felt that, this is leading to extinguishing the rights given to the breeders under Section 30 and the farmers under Section 39. Therefore the minutes of the meeting dated 16.05.2016 of the EDV Committee cannot be adopted by the Authority. They may be deferred as agreed by the members till the legal opinion is obtained and discussed by the Authority in the next meeting of the Authority. Further in order to take a holistic view of recommendations of the EDV Committee, as the same have a serious bearing on EDV registrations, and also to expedite the process of registration of EDVs, it is necessary to study in depth all the recommendations given by the EDV Committee so far. It would not be proper to consider the present recommendation in isolation without going through their previous recommendations. Hence, all the recommendations of the EDV Committee, made so far, may please be placed before the Authority in the next Authority meeting.</p>
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		Members noted the Action Taken Report of the 25 <sup>th</sup> Authority Meeting and adopted the same with the above observations.
3.	Progress of Plant Varieties Registry	<p>Chairperson presented the progress of the Registry. Members appreciated the progress related to clearance of pendency, awareness programmes, and specially the progress in the registration of farmers' varieties.</p> <p>Encouraged by the program namely "Take it to the Farmer- Farmers' Rights through Awareness Program", Chairperson informed that during this year, a capacity building program for the scientists of State Agricultural Universities and ICAR will be taken up with a caption "Take it to the Breeder, the plant breeders' rights through awareness programs" and the inception workshop was launched under the chairmanship of Prof M.S. Swaminathan. This workshop was also graced by Shri S.K. Pattanayak, Secretary, DoAC&amp;FW, and Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to facilitate for the registration of Extant Varieties notified under Seeds Act, 1966 and also new varieties.</p> <p>Members appreciated the efforts of the Authority for the steps taken to register the Extant varieties notified under Seeds Act 1966.</p> <p>Members also asked that average time taken for registration in various categories calculated from the date of acceptance of an application (in all respects) to the date of issue of certificate may be calculated and presented in next Authority Meeting.</p> <p>Representative of Seed Industry wanted to know, how many farmers' varieties in cotton crop were applied for</p>

		<p>registrations by the farmers. Further, he also wanted to know the number of Bt cotton varieties applied by the farmers under the Act. It was informed that no farmer applied for any Bt cotton variety registration. He wanted to know why the situation is so in cotton and why farmers could not exercise their rights, despite the provisions that exists under Section 30 and 39, while in other crops there are hundreds of farmers' varieties. This issue need analysis, as to what are the factors that prevented them from using their rights under section 30 and 39. Similarly, why there are no Bt cotton varieties from SAUs and ICAR despite the Researchers Rights under Section 30.</p> <p>Members suggested that the process of accepting application, in complete form, requires to be defined and within 2 ½ years from the date of submitting a complete application, the registration may be granted to a new variety and within 6 months to a notified extant variety. Similar timelines of 2 ½ years may also be followed for extant VCK varieties.</p> <p>The request of the Seed Industry to extend the protection period for notified extant varieties to 15 years from the date of registration like extant VCK varieties may be considered. The Authority may submit proposal to the Deptt. of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare for issuing ordinance and subsequently to bring amendment to clause (ii) of sub-section (6) of section 24 of the Act. This will particularly benefit the public sector more than the private sector, as mostly public sector varieties are falling in this category.</p>
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		<p>If an EDV is rejected in the DUS testing due to wider genetic distance from initial variety, the Authority may ask the applicant to amend the application as a new variety under Section 20 of the Act. If the EDV application is rejected, without an opportunity for registering it as a new variety the breeder will not have a right to register it through a fresh application as in most cases the breeders commercialize the varieties after filing applications for registration. Moreover, the time used for the DUS testing can be saved in this practice. However, appropriate additional fee may be levied to the applicant. If the applicant does not consent for this, in any case, the application can be rejected. The details about these points may be discussed during next Authority Meeting.</p>
4.	Proposal for adoption of Annual Accounts of the Authority for the financial year 2015-16	The Audited Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet for the financial year 2015-16 was adopted by the Authority so that it may be sent to Nodal Ministry for laying it in both Houses of Parliament in the forthcoming winter session of the parliament.
5.	Proposal for Adoption of Annual Report of the Authority for the Year 2015-16	Annual Report of the Authority for the year 2015-16 was adopted by the Authority so that it may be sent to Nodal Ministry for laying it in both Houses of Parliament in the forthcoming winter session of the parliament.
6.	Present Staff Position in the Authority	<p>The Members noted the present staff position.</p> <p>For expeditious disposal of applications and litigations that are pending before the Authority, the Authority may expedite the recruitment process of the approved posts of Registrar, Joint Registrar etc., so that the certificates can be granted within 2 ½ years' time.</p>
7.	Reservation Roster	The Members noted the Reservation Roster of the

		PPV&FR duly approved by the Nodal Ministry																														
8.	Action Plans for conducting Training-Cum-Awareness programs through KVKs/SAUs/ICARs Institutes and other agreed during the workshop held on 30.06.2016	<p>It was informed to the Authority that a workshop on “Take it to Breeders &amp; Researchers- the Plant Breeders and Researchers Rights through Awareness and Mainstreaming of Farmers’ Varieties” was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at NASC Complex, New Delhi. In addition to the large number of participants the dignitaries like Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, Emeritus Chairman &amp; Chief Mentor, MSSRF, Chennai, Dr. T. Mohapatra Director General, ICAR &amp; Secretary, DARE, Shri S. K. Pattanayak, Secy. (Agriculture), Dr. R. S. Paroda, Chairman, TAAS attended the workshop. During the plenary session, the plan of work for organizing Training-cum-Awareness programme was discussed</p> <p>The Authority noted the details of awareness programmes to be conducted through the Krishi Vigyan Kendras/Zonal Level/SAUs and others with the financial Support of Rs. 80,000/- each KVK and asked the office of the Authority to release of the fund to various directors of ATARI in respect of KVKs of each zone and SAUs/ICAR Research Institutes and other organizations to avoid delay in conduct of these programs.</p> <p><b>Programme through KVKs</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>KVKs Zone</th> <th>No. of programs</th> <th>Financial Support</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>I</td> <td>29</td> <td>Rs. 23,20,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>II</td> <td>24</td> <td>Rs. 19,20,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>III</td> <td>41</td> <td>Rs. 32,80,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IV</td> <td>29</td> <td>Rs. 23,20,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>V</td> <td>23</td> <td>Rs. 18,40,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VI</td> <td>23</td> <td>Rs. 18,40,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VII</td> <td>41</td> <td>Rs. 32,80,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VIII</td> <td>40</td> <td>Rs. 32,00,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>250</td> <td>Rs. 2,00,00,000/-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	KVKs Zone	No. of programs	Financial Support	I	29	Rs. 23,20,000/-	II	24	Rs. 19,20,000/-	III	41	Rs. 32,80,000/-	IV	29	Rs. 23,20,000/-	V	23	Rs. 18,40,000/-	VI	23	Rs. 18,40,000/-	VII	41	Rs. 32,80,000/-	VIII	40	Rs. 32,00,000/-	Total	250	Rs. 2,00,00,000/-
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9.	DUS test guidelines	<p>Members accepted following DUS guidelines and asked to forward to Central Government for notification under Section 29(2) of PPV&amp;FR Act, 2001 for registration of new varieties. The Members noticed a typing mistake at S.No. xvi and xviii of Agenda which was corrected from Four to Two and Proso millet to Barnyard millet respectively.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No.</th> <th>Name of crop species</th> <th>Published in PVJ</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>i.</td> <td>Karanj (<i>Pongamia pinnata</i> (L.) Pierre)</td> <td>February,2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td>Neem (<i>Azadirachta indica</i> A. Juss.)</td> <td>February,2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td>Aonla (<i>Embilica officinalis</i> Gaertn.).</td> <td>February,2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iv.</td> <td>Guava (<i>Psidium guajava</i> L.)</td> <td>April,2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td>v.</td> <td>Litchi (<i>Litchi chinensis</i> Sonn.)</td> <td>April,2016</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S. No.	Name of crop species	Published in PVJ	i.	Karanj ( <i>Pongamia pinnata</i> (L.) Pierre)	February,2016	ii.	Neem ( <i>Azadirachta indica</i> A. Juss.)	February,2016	iii.	Aonla ( <i>Embilica officinalis</i> Gaertn.).	February,2016	iv.	Guava ( <i>Psidium guajava</i> L.)	April,2016	v.	Litchi ( <i>Litchi chinensis</i> Sonn.)	April,2016																											
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		vi.	Marigold ( <i>Tagetes</i> spp. L)	May,2016
		vii.	Betelvine( <i>Piper betle</i> L.)	June,2016
		viii.	Deodar ( <i>Cedrus deodara</i> (Roxb.) G.Don	October,2016
		ix.	Chir pine ( <i>Pinus roxburghii</i> ) Sargent.	October,2016
		x.	Mulberry ( <i>Morus</i> spp.)	October,2016
		xi.	Jasmine ( <b><i>Jasminum multiflorum</i></b> L.)	October,2016
		xii.	Two species of Buckwheat ( <i>Fagopyrum</i> sp.). <i>F. esculentum</i> and <i>F. tataricum</i>	November 2016
		xiii.	Four species of Grain Amaranth <i>Amaranthus hypocondricus</i> , <i>A. cruentus</i> , <i>A caudatus</i> and <i>A. edulis</i> .	November 2016
		xiv.	Faba bean ( <i>Vicia faba</i> L.)	November 2016
		xv.	Elephant Foot Yam ( <i>Amorphophallus paeoniifolius</i> )	November 2016
		xvi.	Two species of Taro ( <i>Colocasia esculenta</i> var. <i>esculenta</i> , <i>Colocasia esculenta</i> var. <i>antiquorum</i> )	November 2016
		xvii.	Jatropha ( <i>Jatropha curcas</i> L.)	November 2016
		xviii.	Barnyard millet ( <i>Echinochloa frumentaceae</i> (Roxb.) Link)	November 2016
		xix.	Kodo millet ( <i>Paspalum scorbiculatum</i> L.)	November 2016
		xx.	Little millet ( <i>Panicum sumatrense</i> Roth. Ex Roemer And Schultes)	November 2016
		xxi.	Proso millet ( <i>Panicum miliaceum</i> L.)	November 2016
10.	Venue of standing	The standing committee has been reconstituted by the		

	committee of the Authority	Chairperson vide office order No. PPV&FRA/Legal/28/10/2242-54 dated 13.10.2016. The convener of the Standing Committee is Registrar-General. Under Rule 17(6) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 the venue of the standing committee of the Authority has to be determined by the convener in consultation with the Authority.  Members approved the following- (a) Under Section 10 of PPV&FR Act, 2001 read with Rule 17(6) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 delegated its power to chairperson to determine venue of the meeting of standing committee of the Authority and after the conduct of meeting to place minutes of standing committee before the Authority for ratification and approval. (b) to conduct next meeting of the standing committee of the Authority at the venue- UAHS, Shimoga, Tirthahalli, Karnataka.
11.	Proceedings of 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> Extant Variety Recommendation Committee (EVRC) Meeting	Members appreciated the progress related to Extant Notified Varieties and appreciated the efforts of the Members of the outgoing Extant Variety Recommendation Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. A.R.Pathak, Vice Chancellor, Navsari Agricultural University. The efforts of the Chairman of PPV&FR Authority and Registrar General to sensitize the Universities, ICAR Institutes and other stakeholders about the importance of registration of extant notified varieties which resulted in more number of applications was also appreciated.
12.	Constitution of Extant Variety Recommendation	Under Regulation 6 of PPV&FR Regulations, 2006, Members approved following Extant Variety Recommendation Committee for a period of 3 years. This

	Committee	<p>EVRC shall be recommending the suitability of applications for registration of varieties notified under Section 5 of Seeds Act, 1966.</p> <p>Members also suggested that the name of the committee may be changed to <b>Extant- Notified Variety Recommendation Committee</b> as it is looking after only the category of Extant Notified varieties. A proposal in this regard may be submitted to Nodal Ministry for needful.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="687 741 1528 1944"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="687 741 1528 824"><b>Chairman/Member for approval</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="687 824 1528 907">1. Dr. H.S.Gupta, Former Director, IARI, New Delhi</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="687 907 1528 1048">2. Dr. Premjit Singh, Vice-chancellor, CAU, Imphal, Manipur</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="687 1048 1528 1238">3. Dr. P.K.Sharma, Vice-chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu, J&amp;K</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="687 1238 1528 1379">4. Dr.V. Ravindra Babu, director, Indian Institute of Rice Research, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="687 1379 1528 1462">5. Shri Bhaskar Rao, CMD, Kaveri Seeds, Hyderabad</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="687 1462 1528 1545">6. Mr. Santosh Patil, Sonyal, Distt. Sangli, Maharashtra</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="687 1545 1528 1628">7. Dr. Sadashiv, Head, Vegetables, IIHR, Bengaluru</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="687 1628 1528 1711">8. Dr. K.P.Vishwanatha, Vice-chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="687 1711 1528 1794">9. Dr, K.V. Prabhu, Jt. Director, IARI, New Delhi</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="687 1794 1528 1877">10. Joint Secretary (Seeds) or his nominee</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="687 1877 1528 1944">11. Dr. R.C. Agrawal -Member Secretary,</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Chairman/Member for approval</b>	1. Dr. H.S.Gupta, Former Director, IARI, New Delhi	2. Dr. Premjit Singh, Vice-chancellor, CAU, Imphal, Manipur	3. Dr. P.K.Sharma, Vice-chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu, J&K	4. Dr.V. Ravindra Babu, director, Indian Institute of Rice Research, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad	5. Shri Bhaskar Rao, CMD, Kaveri Seeds, Hyderabad	6. Mr. Santosh Patil, Sonyal, Distt. Sangli, Maharashtra	7. Dr. Sadashiv, Head, Vegetables, IIHR, Bengaluru	8. Dr. K.P.Vishwanatha, Vice-chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri	9. Dr, K.V. Prabhu, Jt. Director, IARI, New Delhi	10. Joint Secretary (Seeds) or his nominee	11. Dr. R.C. Agrawal -Member Secretary,
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11. Dr. R.C. Agrawal -Member Secretary,														

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		XXI.	November 2016 Proso millet ( <i>Panicum miliaceum</i> L.)
14.	Fixation of DUS Fee	<p>Rule 29 (1)(a) of PPV&amp;FR Rules, 2003 provides that the Authority shall charge separate fees for conducting DUS test and special test on each variety. The maximum fee limit has been fixed in Second Schedule of PPV&amp;FR Rules, 2003. The PPV&amp;FR (Amendment) Rules, 2015 increases the maximum limit of DUS test fees which amounts to Rs. 2,00,000/- and for onsite DUS testing it is Rs. 8,00,000/-. The DUS Test Fees for EDV will be charged as per the DUS test Fees for New Varieties.</p> <p>The Members noticed a typing mistake at S.No. xvi and xviii in Agenda which was corrected from Four to Two and Proso millet to Barnyard millet respectively.</p>	

The DUS test fees of the following crop species has been approved as per details given below-

Sl. No	Crop Species	Crop Name	DUS Test Fees (Rs.)	On Site DUS Test Fees (Rs.)
I.	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i> (L.) Pierre	Karanj	10,000	20,000
II.	<i>Azadirachta indica</i> A. Juss.	NEEM	10,000	20,000
III.	<i>Embilica officinalis</i> Gaertn..	Aonla	10,000	20,000
IV.	<i>Psidium guajava</i> L.	Guava	15,000	20,000
V.	<i>Litchi chinensis</i> Sonn.	Litchi	10,000	20,000
VI.	<i>Tagetes</i> spp. L	Marigold	20,000	
VII.	<i>Piper betle</i> L.	Betelvine	10,000	
VIII.	<i>Cedrus deodara</i> (Roxb.) G.Don	Deodar	10,000	20,000
IX.	<i>Pinus roxburghii</i> Sargent.	Chir pine	10,000	20,000
X.	<i>Morus</i> spp.	Mulberry	10,000	20,000
XI.	<i>Jasminum multiflorum</i> L.	Jasmine	20,000	
XII.	Buckwheat	<i>Fagopyrum</i> sp.; <i>F. esculentum</i> and <i>F. tataricum</i>	10,000	

		XIII.	Grain Amaranth	<i>Amaranthus hypocondricus, A. cruentus, A caudatus and A. edulis.</i>	10,000	
		XIV.	Faba bean	<i>Vicia faba L.</i>	15,000	
		XV.	Elephant Foot Yam	<i>(Amorphophallus paeoniifolius)</i>	10,000	
		XVI.	Two species of Taro	<i>(Colocasia esculenta var. esculenta, Colocasia esculenta var. antiquorum)</i>	10,000	
		XVII.	Jatropha	<i>Jatropha curcas L.</i>	15,000	25,000
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		XXI.	Proso millet	<i>Panicum miliaceum L.</i>	10,000	
15.	Annual Subscription of PVJ	The Plant Variety Journal of India is being published by the Authority in accordance with the statutory mandate. Currently, the sale price of PVJ per book is fixed at Rs.300/- . The cost of printing has gone high and the registration fees and all other fees have been raised. It was decided to increase the subscription of PVJ from current price of Rs.300/- per book to Rs.500/- per book w.e.f. 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2017.				
16.	Medical policy for the regular employees of the Authority	The Authority approved the following medical policy which shall supersede the earlier decisions of the Authority:  The employees of the Authority may take treatment in				

		<p>Govt/CGHS approved hospital/test laboratory and reimbursement will be allowed as per CGHS approved rates and in case of emergency the employees may take treatment in a nearby private hospital and then can be shifted to Govt/CGHS empanelled hospital on getting relieved as per doctor's advice. The medical expenditure for such emergency cases may be reimbursed by the Authority on actual basis subject to the entitlement as per rules. In case of employees of Authority living in non-CGHS areas, the reimbursement will be made in accordance with CCS (MA) Rules. For the retired employees and their families the same system will be followed subject to the rules. The medical policy approved by the Authority comes into force with immediate effect.</p>
17.	<p>Delegation of financial and administrative powers to the Authority</p>	<p>The Authority noted the detailed points of the agenda and asked to take up the matter of delegation with the Nodal Ministry for further needful. They were surprised how the Financial Advisor of the Authority was not aware about such delegation of powers despite serving in the Authority for more than 6 years which is a serious lapse on his part and detailed explanation needs to be sought from FA. The matter related to delegation of powers may be taken up to nodal ministry on priority. In the meanwhile as the release of the funds to the DUS Centres (as it is core activity for timely issue of registration certificate), awareness programs shall be continued by Chairperson, and sanction and approval for expenditure related to printing with Hindi translation (Annual Report, Annual Account which needs to be placed in both houses of parliament in a time bound manner, printing of PVJ- which is also time bound), wages for the contractual services and for other most essential time bound activities shall be continued to be released by</p>

		Chairperson.
18.	Additional Agenda	<p>The Seedsmen Association and All India Kisan Sabha have vide their representation requested to place the issue of NOC from Technology Provider before the Authority by way of agenda.</p> <p>The Hon'ble A.P. High Court of Andhra Pradesh by order dated 12.09.2016 in WP No.30734/2016 has directed that the representation dated 29.08.2016 of the Seedsmen Association has to be decided and appropriate order on merits must be passed in accordance with law. Consequently, the Registrar-General heard the petitioners in WP 30734/2016 on 24.10.2016 and reserved the matter. This office also filed WMP No.45870/2016 in WP 30734/2016 before Hon'ble A P High Court praying to extend the time for pronouncing the order. The said petition is yet to be listed for hearing herewith.</p> <p>The members expressed that, as the order of the Hon'ble High Court at Hyderabad is a direction to the Authority, the Authority has to discuss the matter thoroughly after obtaining legal opinion. Hence, the Authority decided to refer the matter for legal opinion and after obtaining the legal opinion, the matter may be discussed in the next meeting in order to comply with the Court order.</p>
19.	Any other point	<p>Members asked that the Agenda may be sent at least 15 days in advance through email.</p> <p>The members asked to estimate the potential for fee collection, based on the revenues of the seed sector in India, for the fee to be collected by the Authority on the seed sales of registered varieties. By estimating the</p>

		<p>leakage of revenues, necessary steps may be taken to start a drive for enhancing the fee collection and using it for the purposes stipulated in the Act.</p> <p>Members asked for 5-6 days' time to submit comments in draft Annual Report of the Authority which may be incorporated in the final annual report of the Authority for the year 2015-16.</p> <p>Members asked for latest status regarding the establishment of the Plant Variety Protection Appellate Tribunal (PVPAT). The Members were informed that the efforts are being made to invoke transitional provisions whereby Judicial Member of IPAB will also function as judicial member of PVPAT and Technical Member which has to be recruited by DAC&amp;FW shall function as Technical Member of the PVPAT. The recruitment rules for the post of Technical Member are under process of finalization. The consent of IPAB and DIPP has already been taken by DAC&amp;FW.</p>
<p>The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair</p>		