

प्राधिकरण की 40वीं बैठक का कार्यवृत्त

Minutes of the 40th Meeting of the PPVFR Authority

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समय :	10 : 30 बजे
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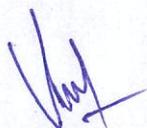
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Minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority

Meeting Type	Authority Meeting	Date and Time	02 nd September, 2025 at 10:30 AM
Subject	40 th Authority Meeting of the PPV&FR Authority		
Venue	Plant Authority Bhawan		
Attendance	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The following members attended the meeting:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. T. Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPVFR Authority, DPS Marg, NASC Complex, New Delhi 2. Dr. P.K. Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi (Online) 3. Dr. D.K. Yadav, Deputy Director General (Crop science) Division of Crop Science, ICAR, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 4. Dr. Anupam Mishra, Vice -Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur. 5. Sh. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary (Seeds) Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 6. Sh. Nishant Warwade, IAS, Secretary Agriculture Department of Farmer Welfare & Agriculture Development, Vindhyachal Bhavan, Arera Hills, Bhopal 7. Dr. G. P. Singh, Director, National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Pusa, DPS Marg, New Delhi-110 012 8. Dr. Prabhat Kumar, Horticulture Commissioner, Government of India, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi (Online) 9. Dr. Nitin Jain, Scientist 'G', DBT on behalf of Dr. Sanjay Mishra, Senior Advisor, Department of Biotechnology, New Delhi. (Online) 10. Dr. K.M. Arya, Deputy Legal Adviser (Judicial), Department of Legal Affairs on behalf of Sh. Sh. Madhab Charan Prusty, Sr. Govt. Advocate, Department of Legal Affairs. 11. Seed Certification Officer, Bubhaneswar, on behalf of Dr. Arabinda Kumar Padhee, IAS, Principal Secretary, 		



	<p>Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment, Krushi Bhavan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.</p> <p>12. Dr. Dinesh Kumar Agarwal, Registrar-General/ Member-Secretary, PPVFR Authority, DPS Marg, NASC Complex, New Delhi.</p> <p>LEAVE OF ABSENCE was granted to:</p> <p>Sh. Raghu Kumar Kodali, Scientist 'G', Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change, who was unable to attend due to Official Tour to Thailand</p>
Introduction	<p>Dr. D.K. Agarwal, Member Secretary, welcomed the Chairperson and all the members of the Authority. He explained the relevance and the process of IP protection with regard to plant varieties in the light of the provisions of PPVFR Act, 2001. The Chairperson in his opening remarks thanked all the members for their participation and expressed that immense support has been received from the Nodal Ministry for smooth functioning of the Authority. He stated that earlier on an average 500 registrations were undertaken per year but for the past two years the average registration is more than 1500, which is a substantial improvement leading to significant reduction in pendency of application for registration. He mentioned that the recent notification of Recruitment Rules with the support of the Nodal Ministry will improve the strength of the Authority. He highlighted that the recently notified rules for Gene Fund Utilisation for supporting on-farm conservation are of paramount importance for farmers led conservation of their varieties and are of international significance. He thanked the officers and staff of the Authority in achieving significant progress.</p>
Declaration of Conflict of Interest by Members	<p>There was no conflict of interest raised by any member on any agenda item.</p>



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The members appreciated the timely receipt of the agenda through email and post.

Agenda Number	Agenda description	Details
1.	Action Taken Report of 39th Meeting of PPVFRA Authority.	The Authority noted the action taken report on the minutes of the 39 th Meeting of PPVFRA Authority.
2.	Progress in Authority Activities.	<p>The Authority noted the progress made since the last meeting held on 07.01.2025. Shri Ajeet Kumar Sahu, JS (Seeds) observed that the Authority has to set targets and prioritize the registry activities, particularly with regard to the crops for which DUS test guidelines to be developed in a time bound manner. It was informed that a high level committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mangala Rai, Former Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, for identifying important crops for framing of DUS test guidelines and that the committee has already identified more than 150 crops out of which about 50 crops have been prioritized for framing of DUS test guidelines.</p> <p>Dr. Anupam Mishra, VC, CAU, Imphal suggested that there should be efforts to register more of farmers' varieties. It was informed that through DDG (Extension), ICAR and Directors of ATARI efforts are being made for conduct of training and awareness programme for farmers and registration of farmers varieties, which is being funded by PPVFR Authority.</p>
3.	Approval of DUS test guidelines of Eucalyptus [Eucalyptus camaldulensis Dehnh, Eucalyptus tereticornis and Eucalyptus urophylla] under Rule 29(9) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003.	<p>The consolidated DUS test guidelines of Eucalyptus [Eucalyptus camaldulensis Dehnh, Eucalyptus tereticornis and Eucalyptus urophylla] was approved by PPVFR Authority for the following course of action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of consolidated DUS test guidelines of <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> Dehnh, <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> (both are revised guidelines) and <i>Eucalyptus urophylla</i> (new guideline) Forwarding the proposal to Central Government for notification of <i>Eucalyptus urophylla</i> crop species in

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		<p>Official Gazette for registration of new varieties under Section 29(2) of PPVFR Act, 2001.</p> <p>c) For publication in Plant Variety Journal for opening of registration of extant varieties of <i>Eucalyptus urophylla</i> under Rule 22(2) of PPVFR Rules, 2003.</p>								
4.	<p>Fixation of time limit for registration of extant varieties for crop species <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> Dehnh, <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> and <i>Eucalyptus urophylla</i>].</p>	<p>Under Rule 22(2) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 the Authority approved the period for registration of extant varieties as follows:-</p> <p>“Extant Variety notified under Section 5 of Seeds Act, 1966, Farmers Variety and Extant Variety about which there is Common Knowledge – 10 years from the date of publication in Plant Variety Journal of India, after approval of the instant agenda by the Authority”</p>								
5.	<p>Fixation of DUS Test/On-site Fee for <i>Eucalyptus</i> under Rule 29(1)(a) of PPVFR Rules, 2003.</p>	<p>Under Rule 29(1)(a) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 the Authority fixed the DUS test fees in respect of the following crop species and the details are hereunder:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl.No.</th> <th>Name of Crop Species</th> <th>DUS test fees for New Varieties</th> <th>On-Site Fees for New Varieties</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td><i>Eucalyptus</i> [<i>Eucalyptus urophylla</i>]</td> <td>Rs. 50,000</td> <td>Rs. 60,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The DUS Test Fees for Extant Varieties will be that of 50% of new varieties and DUS test fee for EDV will be charged as per the DUS test Fees for New Varieties.</p>	Sl.No.	Name of Crop Species	DUS test fees for New Varieties	On-Site Fees for New Varieties	1	<i>Eucalyptus</i> [<i>Eucalyptus urophylla</i>]	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 60,000
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6.	<p>Draft Rules amending Rule 30 of PPVFR Rules, 2003 clearly specifying that advertisement in PVJ will be effected twice one before variety proceeds for DUS testing and other after DUS testing for inviting Oppositions.</p>	<p>The Authority approved the draft amendment of Rule 30 along with two forms and recommended to forward the same to Nodal Ministry for notification in the Official Gazette.</p>								

7.	Report of the Committee to reassess the requirement of manpower of PPVFR Authority	With regard to the Report of the Committee proposing for 31 additional posts, the Authority noted that the current manpower of the Authority is minimal when compared with the work load of the Authority. Shri Ajeet Kumar Sahu, JS (Seeds) observed whether some of the functions of the Authority could be outsourced. Considering the statutory functions of the Authority, it was decided that Chairperson may decide as to what functions can be outsourced. It was also observed by Dr. G.P. Singh, Director (NBPGR) that during the course of time the Authority may require more than one gene bank curator. After deliberations, unanimously Chairperson was authorized to make additions or modifications in the posts recommended by the Committee, with due justification and forward the proposal to nodal ministry for creation of posts.
8.	Financial Performance for the year 2024-25 (Unaudited and Provisional).	The Authority noted the financial performance of the Authority.
9.	Notification of Recruitment Rules for the posts of PPVFR Authority in PPVFR Rules and PPVFR Regulations – Consequent action to fill the posts.	The Authority noted the notification of Recruitment Rules under the Rules and Regulations. It was also decided that Chairperson may make recruitment to the vacant posts in accordance with the Recruitment Rules and information regarding the same be placed before the Authority.
10.	Establishment of National Gene Bank as per Sec 27 of PPVFR Act, 2001 in the Plant Authority Bhawan.	The Authority noted that Chairperson has the financial powers under Rule 74 and as per Nodal Ministry's Letter No.1-9/2019-SD.V (e-86243) dated 13 th December, 2024 for establishment of National Gene Bank. The necessity of a Gene Bank to preserve the seeds of registered varieties separately from the National Gene Bank of ICAR-NBPGR was explained and accepted. The Authority approved establishment of PPVFR National Gene Bank following GFR Norms and other codal formalities.
11.	Operationalisation of Plant Variety Protection (PVP) Trainees Hostel, and	The Authority noted that Chairperson is having the financial powers under Rule 74 and as per Nodal Ministry's Letter No.1-

	Housekeeping and Catering services for Plant Authority Bhawan including PVP Trainees Hostel.	9/2019-SD.V (e-86243) dated 13 th December, 2024 for operationalization of PVP Trainees Hostel by inviting DPR from UPRNN and for hiring House-keeping and catering services for Plant Authority Bhawan and PVP Trainees Hostel by inviting bids through GeM.
12.	Widening of existing entrance from the land allotted by MCD.	The Authority noted that Chairperson since having the financial powers under Rule 74 and as per Nodal Ministry's Letter No.1-9/2019-SD.V (e-86243) dated 13 th December, 2024, the work relating to widening of existing entrance of Plant Authority Bhawan from the land allotted by MCD be undertaken through UPRNN accordingly.
13.	Operation and Maintenance of Civil & Electrical Installations of the Plant Authority Bhawan.	The Authority noted that Chairperson has the administrative and financial powers under Rule 74 and as per Nodal Ministry's Letter No.1-9/2019-SD.V (e-86243) dated 13 th December, 2024, for approving the execution of the ARMO between UPRNN and PPVFRA.
14.	Apportionment of User Charges among the Occupants of the Plant Authority Bhawan.	The Authority approved the proposal that the User Charges be charged from the occupants of Plant Authority Bhawan. As suggested by Shri. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, JS (Seeds), which was agreed upon, the user charges would be according to Per Square Feet (PSF) of the plinth area occupied by the each occupant of Plant Authority Bhawan.
15.	Development of Auditorium and Museum in the Plant Authority Bhawan.	The Authority noted that Chairperson has requisite administrative and financial powers for development of an auditorium through a Public Works Organisation following GFR norms and due procedures and for construction of PPVFRA Museum through a Govt. Agency like NCGSM, IGNCA, National Museum etc.,
16.	Strengthening of Audio-Visual Screens in the PPVFRA Committee Room and the Board Room of Chairperson, PPVFRA.	The Authority noted that Chairperson has the administrative and financial powers under Rule 74 and as per Nodal Ministry's Letter No.1-9/2019-SD.V (e-86243) dated 13 th December, 2024 for developing and

		strengthening of Audio-Visual Screens facility following GFR Norms and other codal formalities.
17.	Registration of Essentially derived Variety: Amendment of Rules and Guideline.	The Authority approved the General Guidelines for registration of EDV. The Authority also approved the actions recommended by the EDV Committee to be taken in respect of the 18 applications for registration as EDVs. The Authority also approved the amendments proposed in Form-II along with TQ and in Rule 29(4) to include EDVs within the ambit of DUS testing. The Authority also recommended that the General Guidelines for registration of EDV be notified along with Form-II and TQ in the Official Gazette.
18.	Forwarding to Nodal Ministry the draft rules of PPVFR (Provisional Protection to Applicant from abusive act committed by Third Party) Rules, 2025 for notification in the Official Gazette.	The Authority approved the draft PPVFR (Provisional Protection to Applicant from abusive act committed by Third Party) Rules, 2025 and recommended the same to be forwarded to Nodal Ministry for notification in the Official Gazette.
19.	Registration of new and extant varieties of crop species in respect of which DUS test guidelines have not yet been framed – Development of DUS Test Guidelines summarily and consequent testing and registration.	<p>The Authority approved the proposal that in case where applications have been received and DUS test guidelines have not been framed so far, then following course of action shall be adopted: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check whether DUS test guidelines for the said crop species are available in UPOV, Non-UPOV or CPVO countries or in national offices of other countries Find out whether germplasm catalogue is available in Bioversity International or NBPGR Ascertain whether standard research publications are available containing the list of important morphological characters of the said crop species. <p>If any one or more of the above three options are available, the DUS test guidelines will be adopted/ prepared and</p>



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		<p>submitted for the approval of PPVFR Authority. Once approved by the Authority, the new crop species shall be notified following the existing procedure and the DUS test guidelines shall be published in the Plant Variety Journal of India. DUS test centres shall also be notified considering the agro-ecological suitability of the crop species under consideration.</p> <p>The Authority further observed that in case of applications received under the category of extant notified varieties where DUS test guidelines have not been framed, the AICRP report on DUS parameters may be obtained and based on it, the DUS test guidelines can be framed, approved and notified followed by registration of such varieties.</p>
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Supplementary Agenda

20.	International Training/Study Programme on “Provisions Protection of Plant Varieties (PVP) & Farmers’ Rights in Indian Legislation and Its Impact on Seed Sector in India”	The Authority approved the proposal for conduct of international training/ study programme and recommended to submit the proposal through the Nodal Ministry.
21.	To Organise in collaboration with DIVERSIFARM India a side event, at GB11 of ITPGRFA scheduled to be held from 24th November, 2025 to 29th November, 2025 in Lima, Peru.	The Authority approved the proposal and recommended to submit the same to Nodal Ministry.
22.	Other Observations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Authority noted that according to Rule 29(4A) of PPVFR Rules, 2003, the plant varieties is notified under the Seeds Act, 1966 will be registered with PPVFRA as per DUS criteria of ICAR-AICRP. It was decided that a proposal for conduct of DUS testing of entries in advanced stage of trial in AICRP will be submitted to the Nodal department. Accordingly, the Department will inform ICAR for the



		<p>needful action to comply with the provision of Rule 29(4A) of PPVFR Rules, 2003.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regard to the suggestion that Plant Variety Journal be printed in all languages, Shri Ajeet Kumar Sahu, JS (Seeds) and Shri. Nishant Warwade, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Madhya Pradesh stated that since legal proceedings are based on the publication in Plant Variety Journal of India, the language needs to be restricted to Official Languages as per PPVFR Rules, 2003 that is English and Hindi, which was agreed upon. • Shri Ajeet Kumar Sahu, JS (Seeds), noted that concerns have been expressed by different stakeholders about the number of years being taken for registration of plant varieties, which is often more than five years. It was informed that the time taken for registration has been reduced significantly during past two years. However, both Shri. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, JS (Seeds) and Shri. Nishant Warwade, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Madhya Pradesh suggested to prepare framework/ roadmap for future with due consideration of all factors so that the varieties are registered within a reasonable period of time. It was agreed that a strategy framework/ road map will be presented to the Authority in the next meeting. • Shri Ajeet Kumar Sahu, JS (Seeds) and Shri. Nishant Warwade, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Madhya Pradesh observed that there is a need for creating awareness among different stakeholders such as Police and Judiciary as well as Officers of Departments of State Governments. JS (Seeds) also agreed that this can be carried with the help of State Governments for which financial
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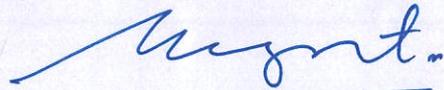
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		<p>support can be provided and a proposal to this effect need to be prepared and submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Anupam Mishra, VC, CAU, Imphal proposed that case studies with regard to commercialisation of Farmers Varieties and accrual of benefits to farmers to be undertaken was agreed upon. In this context, Shri Ajeet Kumar Sahu, JS (Seeds) suggested that State Governments can be involved to support the registration of Farmers' Varieties which are demonstrated and show-cased in different farmers fair and exhibitions across the country. In this regard, a D.O. Letter be sent by Chairperson to Chief Secretaries of all State Governments and Administrators of Union Territories.
<p>All the items placed before the Authority for approval were discussed and decisions arrived at unanimously without the necessity to put up any item for voting. The Chairperson thanked all the members for their active participation and presenting their points of view, which only added value and strength to the matter. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Member-Secretary/ Registrar-General to the Chair, Members, Officers and staff of the Authority.</p>		



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