

Minutes of the  
**19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Authority**  
(18<sup>th</sup> October, 2013)

**Venue: Board Room, IGH, NASC Complex, New Delhi-110012**



**Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority**

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## 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the PPV&FR Authority

Meeting Type	Authority Meeting	Date and Time	18 <sup>th</sup> October, 2013 11.00 Hrs.
Subject	19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the PPV&FR Authority	Convened by	PPV and FR Authority
Venue	Board Room, IGH, NASC Complex, New Delhi		

Attendance	<p style="text-align: center;"><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, New Delhi</li> <li>2. Dr. Sudhir Kr. Goel, IAS, Add. Chief Secretary</li> <li>3. Dr. Debasish Panda, Principal Secretary (Agril)</li> <li>4. Dr. B.S. Dhillon, VC, PAU, Ludhiana</li> <li>5. Dr. Atanu Purkayastha , JS (Seeds), DAC</li> <li>6. Sh. Inder Kumar, Joint Secretary &amp; Legal Advisor</li> <li>7. Dr. K.C Bansal, Director, NBPGR</li> <li>8. Dr. K.S. Charak, Scientist 'G' Adviser, DBT</li> <li>9. Sh. Mayaram Nettam, Programme Officer</li> <li>10. Mrs. Neelam Tyagi, Secretary, Laxmi Jan Kalyan Sewa Sansthan</li> <li>11. Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar-General, PPV&amp;FR Authority, New Delhi, (Member Secretary)</li> </ol> <p>Leave of absence was granted to Dr. Swapan Kumar Datta, DDG (CS), ICAR; Dr. Usha Barwale, Managing Director, Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company Limited; and Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Agriculture Commissioner, DAC. Dr. Ranjini Warriar, Director, MOEF attended the meeting on behalf of Sh. Hem Pande.</p>
Introduction	At the outset, Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar- General, PPV& FR Authority welcomed all the members. The Chairperson also welcomed the members and briefed the members about the latest initiatives of the Authority.
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.

Agenda Item	Subject	Discussion/Suggestion
1	Adoption of the minutes of the	The minutes of the last meeting held on 22.05.2013 were adopted unanimously.

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2	Action taken report	It was informed that the Authority has taken necessary action on all recommendations of the last meeting held on 22.05.2013. Members noted the Action Taken Report and adopted the same.						
3	Progress of Plant Varieties Registry	<p>The members observed that from the compilation of the pendency of registry work, the reasons for the pendency are not clear. It was decided that during the next meeting of the Authority, the details of the individual pending cases on year basis may be compiled and presented before the Authority for its consideration.</p> <p>It was also decided that the information about the promising varieties may be communicated to the respective states for their consideration in including in seed chain.</p>						
4	Extant Variety Recommendation Committee (EVRC)	The progress of the EVRC was noted by the Authority Members.						
5	Constitution of third Extant Variety Recommendation Committee (EVRC)	<p>It was suggested that representatives from all the 8 zones to be included in the EVRC. Necessary amendments in Regulations may be proposed by Authority in this regard to Central Government. All members agreed that Point No. 1 "To develop procedures and guidelines for examination of application of extant varieties which have been notified under Section 5 of Seeds Act, 1966" of proposed TOR of EVRC to be deleted. The following committee was approved-</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Dr. A.R. Pathak Vice-Chancellor Navsari Agricultural University, Eru Char Rasta, Navsari-396450 Gujarat</td> <td>Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Dr. Kisan E. Lawande Vice-chancellor Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Tal. Dapoli, Dist. Ratnagiri - 415 712 Maharashtra</td> <td>Member</td> </tr> </table>	1.	Dr. A.R. Pathak Vice-Chancellor Navsari Agricultural University, Eru Char Rasta, Navsari-396450 Gujarat	Chairman	2.	Dr. Kisan E. Lawande Vice-chancellor Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Tal. Dapoli, Dist. Ratnagiri - 415 712 Maharashtra	Member
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		3.	Dr. G. N. Hazarika Director of Research Assam Agricultural University Jorhat, 785013	
		4.	Dr. B.C. Virakthmath Project Director Directorate of Rice Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad - 500030 Andhra Pradesh	Member
		5.	Dr. M. Ramasami CMD Rasi Seeds ( P) Ltd. 273, Kamarajanar Road, Attur – 636 102, Salem District, Tamilnadu	Member
		6.	Sh. Prakash Gouda S. Patil Chalukya Nagar, House No. 26 Sholapur road Bijapur, Karnataka	Member
		7.	Dr. B. Singh Project Coordinator (Vegetable) IIVR, Varanasi	Member
		8.	Dr. Manoj Srivastava Registrar PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi	Member Secretary
6	DUS Test Guidelines	The DUS test Guidelines for 20 crop species namely Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Pomegranate, Casuarina, Eucalypts, Bitter Gourd, Bottle Gourd, Cucumber, Pumpkin, Barley, Coriander, Fenugreek, Almond, Apple, Pear, Apricot, Cherry, Walnut, Grapes and Ber were approved.		
7	Status of Court Cases	It was decided that the court cases is the purview of the office of the Authority and there is no need for putting the status of court cases in the Authority Agenda. Any important decision of the court only may be brought for general information of the Authority.		
8	Funding of KVKs through Gene Fund for Conservation	The proposal for expenditure for supporting the conservation and sustainable use of Plant Genetic Resources (PGR) for <i>in situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation for strengthening the capability of the Panchayats and local bodies in carrying out such conservation and sustainable use and for capacity building on <i>ex-situ</i> conservation in agro - biodiversity hotspots under section 45 (2) (c) and Rule 70(2)(b) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 envisage was considered by the members and it was decided		

		that a committee may be constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. B. S. Dhillon, VC, PAU for examining and submitting the recommendation in this regard. Dr. K.C.Bansal, Director, NBPGR may be also included as member of this committee. The committee may opt additional member required and submit recommendations within one month of its constitution.
9	Jurisdiction of Registrars	All members unanimously approved for delegating its power under section 10 of PPV&FR Act, 2001 to Chairperson to decide the jurisdiction of Registrars on crop basis in accordance with Regulation 4 of PPV&FR Regulations, 2006.
10	Action taken in accordance with order dated 30.04.2013 of Hon'ble Delhi High Court in W.P.(C) No. 4257 of 2012.	It was decided that it is an administrative matter and may be sent to Central Government for the further necessary action.
11	Plant Genome Saviour Community Award 2012-13, Plant Genome Saviour "Farmer Reward" 2013 & Plant Genome Saviour "Farmer Recognition" 2013	The progress about the Plant Genome Saviour Awards was noted by the members.
12A	Promotion of Dr. Manoj Srivastava to the post of Sr. Millet Breeder payment of arrears thereof.	It was decided that it is an administrative matter and may be sent to Central Government for their concurrence.
12B	Promotion of Dr. P.K. Singh to the post of Pr. Scientist payment of arrears thereof.	It was decided that it is an administrative matter and may be sent to Central Government for their concurrence.

13	Adoption of Annual Accounts of PPV&FRA for the year 2012-13	<p>The audit report on the financial statement for the year 2012-13 of the Authority submitted by the CAG was placed before the Authority members for adoption. The auditors have not pointed out any discrepancy in the accounts and noted that the financial statements read together with the accounting policies and notes on account give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India.</p> <p>The members discussed each point of the report and expressed satisfaction that the audit report contains no remarks on annual account of the Authority. The Authority adopted report submitted by the CAG. This along with the financial account for the year 2012-13 shall be forwarded to the DAC for laying before the Parliament.</p> <p>Members asked the office of the Authority to have a strong internal control system and to ensure that no funds to DUS Centres or other projects should be released without receiving UC from the respective centres.</p>
14	Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates of PPV&FRA for the year 2013-14	Budget estimates and Revised estimates of PPV&FRA for the year 2013-14 were discussed and approved.
15	Guidelines for engagement of Consultants in PPV&FRA	The proposal for the hiring of consultant may be sent to Central Government for its concurrence. However, the hiring of need based staff from out-source agency is an internal administrative issue of the PPVFR and may be decided by chairperson.
16	National Gene fund	All members unanimously recommended that the actual expenditure for organizing the Award/Reward function may be put up to the Authority for its approval.
17	Change in Accounting Policy of DUS Test fee.	The matter may be again discussed by in-house meeting of officials of office of Authority and matter may be again be put up in the next Authority Meeting for the approval of the Authority.

18	Annual Report of the Authority for the Year 2012-13	It was decided that the Hon'ble members shall submit their comments, if any, by email upto 31st October, 2013 to the Member Secretary and the Chairperson may approve the Annual Report after ensuring the incorporation of such suggestions.
19	Hospitality facilities for the Officers of the level of Director, Dy. Secretary, Under Secretary and equipment	It was decided that the Authority may adopt the existing policy of Department of Agriculture and Co-operation in this regard.
20	Sanction for writing off Laptop on account of Theft	It was decided that it is an administrative matter and may be sent to Central Government for the further advice.
21	Any other item with the approval of the Chairman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. JS (Seeds) suggested that Authority should emphasis more on awareness about the PPVFR Act. More state level programs should be organized by the Authority. The Chairperson informed that already Authority has initiated the process of organizing the state level awareness programs but we shall further ensure that more such programs are organized for the benefit of the farmers, breeders, seed industry, policy makers and functionaries involved in seed activities.</li> <li>2. It was also suggested by the JS (Seeds) that Authority should organize a brainstorming session for the review of existing DUS Testing policy. It was decided that a brainstorming session shall be organized by the office of the Authority and recommendations may be submitted for the consideration of the Authority in next meeting.</li> </ol>
The meeting ended over for vote of thanks		