

**BEFORE THE PLANT VARIETIES REGISTRY
AT NEW DELHI**

Oppn. No. 3 & 4 of 2024

IN THE MATTER OF: Notice of Opposition filed by The Director of Research, Kerala Agricultural University against the registration of farmers rice (*Oryza Sativa* L.) varieties with denominations MNA-1 & UNF-1 filed by Sh. P. Narayanan Unny.

IN THE MATTER OF: -

The Director of Research, Kerala Agricultural University.

... Opponent

-Versus-

P. Narayanan Unny

... Applicant

For the Opponent: Ms. Shwetha S. Menon, Advocate for Opponent.

For Applicant: Dr. Gayatri Bhasin, and Ms. Deepika Dahiya, Attorneys, Subramaniam & Associates.



ORDER

(Matter heard through hybrid mode)

Heard the parties.

The Counsel for Opponent submits that the Applicant has demised and proceedings cannot continue. The Counsel for Applicant states that though the Applicant is demised the proceedings can continue.

I do not agree with the argument of Counsel for Applicant. Section 80 of PPVFR Act, 2001 clearly provides that in case of death of an Applicant the successor in interest is to be brought on record in place of Applicant to the satisfaction of Registrar. The Second Part of Section 80 provides that when already the surviving party is sufficiently representing the deceased applicant which is not in the instant case as in this case the Applicant is sole Applicant.

Accordingly, Applicant's successor in interest may get themselves substituted in the place of the Applicant on submitting application along with relevant documents as required under Section 80 read with Rule 27(2) of PPVFR Rules, 2003.

The above exercise be completed within a month. Post this matter for hearing on 12th February, 2026 at 03:00 PM.

Given under my hand and seal on this 1st day of January, 2026.




(D.K AGARWAL)
REGISTRAR GENERAL