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Minutes of the  
**18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Authority**  
(22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013)

**Venue: NAAS Committee Room, New Delhi**



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

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

Meeting Type	Authority Meeting	Date and Time	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2013, 14.30 Hars
Subject/Function	18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the PPV&FR Authority	Convened by	PPV and FR Authority
Venue	Board Room, ICAR, 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. B.S. Dhillon, Vice Chancellor, PAU, Ludhina</li><li>3. Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Agriculture Commissioner, DAC</li><li>4. Dr. Atanu Purkayastha, Joint Secretary (Seeds), DAC</li><li>5. Dr. K.S. Charak, Advisor/Scientist 'G' as the Ex-officio representative of DBT</li><li>6. Dr. K.C. Bansal, Director, NBPGR, New Delhi</li><li>7. Dr. Usha Barwale, Managing Director, Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company Limited, Jalna, Maharashtra</li><li>8. Smt. Neelam Tyagi, Secretary, Laxmijan Kalyan Seva Sansthan, Murad Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh</li><li>9. Sh. Mayaram Nettam, Programme Officer (Retired), AIR and Doordarshan</li><li>10. 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. Gorakh Singh, Horticultural Commissioner DAC; Shri Hem Pande, Joint Secretary (MoEF); Sh. Satish Chandra, Joint Secretary &amp; Legal Advisor, Dept. of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law &amp; Justice; Sh. P. Chengal Reddy, Secretary General, Consortium of Indian Farmers Association; Dr. Debashish Panda, Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Government of Uttar Pradesh.</p>
Introduction	<p>At the outset, Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar- General, PPV&amp; FR Authority welcomed all the members. The Chairperson welcomed Dr. B.S. Dhillon, Dr. Usha Barwale and Shri Mayaram Nettam who were the newly joined members. It was informed that the last meeting of the Authority was held on 19.10.2012 in Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and some important developments had taken place during the intervening period which will be shared with the member of the Authority.</p>

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 other than Dr. Usha Barwale who had conflict of interest on the Agenda no. 6 (Status of Court Cases).
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Agenda Item	Subject	Discussion/Suggestion																																										
1	Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2012	The minutes of the last meeting held on 19.10.2012 were adopted unanimously.																																										
2	Action taken report	It was informed that the Authority has taken necessary action on all recommendations of the last meeting held on 19.10.2012. Members noted the Action Taken Report and adopted the same.																																										
3	Progress of Plant Varieties Registry	<p>Members were informed that since the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Authority, the Plant Varieties Registry has received additional 401 applications making a total number of applications received, so far 4514 including cereals, grain legumes, oilseeds, spices, vegetables, fiber crops, sugar crops and floricultural crops. Out of these 1253 were under new, 1790 under extant, 1441 under farmers' and 30 under EDV category.</p> <p>The progress of the registry is as under:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Up to the last meeting (19/10/2012)</th> <th>As on 25/04/2013</th> <th>During the period under report</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>New Varieties</td> <td>1112</td> <td>1253</td> <td>141</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extant Varieties</td> <td>1735</td> <td>1790</td> <td>55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Farmers' Varieties</td> <td>1263</td> <td>1441</td> <td>178</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Essentially Derived Varieties</td> <td>03</td> <td>30</td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>4113</b></td> <td><b>4514</b></td> <td><b>401</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Category wise Certificates issued :</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Up to the last meeting (19/10/2012)</th> <th>As on 25/04/2013</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>New Varieties</td> <td>40</td> <td>56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extant Varieties</td> <td>466</td> <td>542</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Farmers' Varieties</td> <td>06</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Essentially Derived Varieties</td> <td>00</td> <td>01</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>512</b></td> <td><b>613</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Category	Up to the last meeting (19/10/2012)	As on 25/04/2013	During the period under report	New Varieties	1112	1253	141	Extant Varieties	1735	1790	55	Farmers' Varieties	1263	1441	178	Essentially Derived Varieties	03	30	27	<b>Total</b>	<b>4113</b>	<b>4514</b>	<b>401</b>	Category	Up to the last meeting (19/10/2012)	As on 25/04/2013	New Varieties	40	56	Extant Varieties	466	542	Farmers' Varieties	06	14	Essentially Derived Varieties	00	01	<b>Total</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>613</b>
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		Members noted the progress. <b>However the members expressed concern about the pendency of the applications for registration and desired a complete status of all the applications received to be prepared and presented before the next Authority meeting. The members also asked for fixation of time limit for registration process.</b>
4	Extant Variety Recommendation Committee (EVRC)	The recommendation of the EVRC were perused by the members and desired that expeditious action may be taken for registration of the applications approved by the EVRC.
5	DUS Test Guidelines	The members desired all the DUS test guidelines should be widely circulated and inputs from different stakeholders should be taken before publishing these guidelines in the PVJ.
6	Status of Court Cases	The members desired that the status of the court cases should be a detailed one highlighting the issues and the stand of the Authority. A classification of the types of issues emerging will also be useful to understand what the root cause is if any.
7	Exemption of Farmers from Paying Annual and Renewal Fee	The agenda was deferred for consideration for the next meeting
8	Construction of PPV&FR Bhawan to house the headquarters of the Authority, Appellate Tribunal, National Gene Bank and Registry.	<p>The members secretary informed the house that National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) has raised certain issues regarding ownership of the land and two floors to be allotted to them in the PPV&amp;FR Bhavan. The matter is being discussed and resolved. The proportionate cost of the building has already been reflected in the EFC submitted to the ministry. The Authority is also requested to DAC to include their share in their EFC. The matter is being pursued.</p> <p>It was decided that the Annual Accounts of the Authority may be finalised within the stipulated time and authorized the Chairperson of the Authority to approve the annual Accounts on behalf of the authority before sending it to CAG.</p>
9	Plant Genome Saviour Community Awards 2011-12	<p>The Plant Genome Saviour Community Awards were conferred to four communities by Sh. Tariq Anwar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Processing Industries.</p> <p>The members appreciated the efforts of PPV&amp;FRA in</p>

		conducting the Award ceremony function in a well-organized manner.
10	Plant Genome Saviour Farmers' Reward and Recognition 2012.	<p>The Plant Genome Saviour Farmers' Reward and Recognition was presented to ten and fifteen individual farmers by Sh. Tariq Anwar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Processing Industries.</p> <p>The Government of India has notified the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights (Recognition and Reward from the Gene Fund) Rules, 2012, whereby a farmer who is engaged in the conservation of genetic resources of land races and wild relatives of economic plants and their improvement through selection and preservation shall be entitled to Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Reward (maximum of 10 rewards in a year comprising of citation, memento and cash of Rs. One lakh each) &amp; Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Recognition (maximum 20 recognitions in a year consisting of a citation and memento)</p> <p>It was proposed by the members that the reward money for the Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Reward should be increased from Rs. 1.0 lakh to Rs. 1.5 lakh. It was also suggested that monitory consideration of Rs. 1.0 lakh should be undertaken for Plant Genome Saviour Farmer Recognitions. Also it was suggested to send proposal for one time grants from the central govt. for the gene fund.</p>
11	Opening of the Branch Offices	The opening of the branch offices should be hastened. If any problems are being faced in the proposed places, the alternative to be identified. It was also informed that Chairperson and Registrar General have visited CSK HPKV, Palampur to finalize the detailed design and the estimates.
12	Eligibility for Registration of Varieties of Common Knowledge	The condition of eligibility for registration of varieties of common knowledge (VCK) was discussed and approved that any VCK which is in commercial chain for more than 15 years will not be eligible for registration.
13	Inclusion of PPV&FR authority within the ambit of Central Administrative Tribunal	The members noted the progress

14	Venue of the Meeting of the Standing Committee on Farmers' Rights.	The proposal to convene the meeting of the Standing Committee in New Delhi was approved.
15	Delegation of powers in judicial procedures	In the 17th Authority Meeting it has been decided that revocation proceeding relating to maize variety 30B07 to be decided by Registrar-General and one more officer of the Authority to be nominated by Chairperson. Subsequently several revocation proceeding are being filed in the Authority. It was desired by the members that to decide and dispose of revocation proceedings in accordance with law, the Authority delegates its judicial powers to Chairperson or any officer/officers nominated by him with technical or legal background.
16	Plea of Authority not liable to pay Income Tax has been accepted by IT Department	The members noted the progress
The meeting ended over for vote of thanks		