



प्राधिकरण की 31वीं बैठक की कार्यसूची  
**Minutes of the  
31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Authority**

स्थान : समिति कक्ष, एनएएससी कॉम्प्लेक्स, दिल्ली  
**Venue : Committee Room No.2, NASC, N. Delhi**

दिनांक : 30 अप्रैल, 2019 (मंगलवार)

**Date : 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (Tuesday) 12:00 Noon**

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**Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority**  
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**Minutes of the 31st Authority Meeting of the Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority**

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| Meeting Type | Authority Meeting  | Date and Time | 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 11:00 noon which was rescheduled at 12:00 |
| Subject      | 31 <sup>st</sup> Authority 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. K.V.Prabhu, Chairperson, PPV&amp;FR Authority</li> <li>2. Dr. S.K. Malhotra, Agriculture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India</li> <li>3. Dr. A.K.Singh, DDG, ICAR, New Delhi</li> <li>4. Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Director, ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi</li> <li>5. Dr. R. C. Srivastava, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, PUSA, Samastipur</li> <li>6. Dr. B.N.S.Murthy, Commissioner Horticulture, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India</li> <li>7. Sh. Bihari Lal Sharma, Executive Director, Youth for Sustainable Development, Shimla-171001</li> <li>8. Sh. Aruna Kumar V.K., Director, Krishi Prayoga Pariwara, Krishi Nivas, Shimoga, Karnataka-577432</li> <li>9. Dr. Nikki Kumari (Hembrom), Hanuman Nagar, Kankarbagh, Patna-800020</li> <li>10. Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar-General, PPV&amp;FR Authority (Member Secretary)</li> </ol> <p>Leave of absence was given to :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Sh. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, DAC&amp;FW, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi. However, the comments on the agenda items which were sent by JS(Seeds) through email were mentioned during discussion of each item for the information and consideration of the Members in the House.</li> <li>12. Dr. Sujata Arora, Adviser, Ministry of Environment &amp; Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi – 110003</li> </ol> <p>Representative of Principal Secretary of Agriculture, Govt of Maharashtra attended as observer</p> |               |  |

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| Introduction                                   | At the outset, Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Member Secretary and Registrar- General, PPV& FR Authority welcomed all the members. The Chairperson also welcomed the members and thanked the Authority Members for their support and guidance they provided to the Authority for the overall progress of the Authority. He then asked the Member Secretary to initiate the proceedings of the Authority as per the Agenda items circulated to all the Members. |
| Declaration of Conflict of Interest by Members | There was no conflict of interest by any member on any agenda item   |

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

| Agenda Number | Agenda description   | Details  |
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| 1.            | Confirmation of the minutes of the of the last meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018. | The minutes of 30 <sup>th</sup> Authority meeting were adopted by the Authority.   |
| 2.            | Action Taken Report on 30th Authority Meeting  | <p>It was decided that ATR of the last meeting proceedings shall be an information item in the proceedings of the current meeting since the decisions of the Authority Meetings are by majority of the quorum of the previous meeting.</p> <p>The date of the December issue of PVJ was corrected as Dec, 2018 and not Dec 2019 (item no. 4,6,7,9). The date of the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting was also corrected as 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 and not as 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 (item no. 2).</p> <p>It was decided that Agenda items henceforth be separated into "Items for information", and "Items for approval".</p> <p>After being informed that Dr. S A Desai, former Registrar, PPVFRA who was the Member Secretary of the EDV Committee</p> |

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|    |  | <p>had been repatriated to his parent institution, the Authority decided to approve the name of Mr. Dipal Roy, Joint Registrar as the Member Secretary of the expert Committee on EDVs .</p> <p>It was also decided to include action taken on the recommendations of the Standing Committee under the information item from the next Authority meeting.</p>   |
| 3. | Progress of Plant Varieties Registry       | The progress of the Registry was presented for information of the Authority by Member Secretary. He also informed the Members about the progress at the international workshops, national workshops, regional workshops and other awareness programs conducted by the Authority held after the 30th Authority Meeting.   |
| 4. | Status of PGSC Awards                      | <p>Members noted the list of awardees for Plant Genome Saviour (PGS) Community Awards for the year 2015-16 and PGS Reward and Recognition for the year 2016-17. The Members were also informed about the advertisement issued by the PPV&amp;FRA about the PGS Awards, rewards and recognitions.</p> <p>It was also decided in future, the details of the area of award of each awardee should also be included in the Agenda item.</p>  |
| 5. | Proposal for the salary on outsource staff | Members were informed that the PPV&FRA has been delegated the enhanced financial powers to Chairperson vide letter no. 1-15/2016-SD-V dated 17.09.2019. According to these powers, the Chairperson can engage Class III and class IV persons on outsource basis. As there is acute shortage of staff for the registry technical work and other office work, it is proposed to hire technical, administrative, multitasking, supporting (including driver, guards) on the outsource basis at fixed remuneration as per required qualifications and experience within the pay matrix levels of 7th Pay Commission, through an agency to be hired through competitive bidding. The proposal for the various categories of persons to be |

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|    |  | engaged through outsourcing agency was liberated and approved.  |
| 6. | Important issues approved by the Authority pending execution/Implementation with Nodal Ministry. | The issues of pending amendments approved by Authority more than 2 years back as well as the long pending proposal with the Ministry for clearance of probation and confirmation of service of 3 staff members were discussed. Members asked that the items approved during the year by the Authority should also be listed in the Annual Report of the Authority submitted to the Parliament of India along with its status of implementation by the Government for the information of the two Houses on the matters considered by the Authority.. |
| 7. | Approval of DUS test guidelines under Rule 29(9) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003                           | The DUS Test Guidelines for Crop Species <i>Melia dubia Cav.</i> published in PVJ of June 2018 were approved by the Members for forwarding to Central Government for notification in official gazette for registration of new varieties.  |
| 8. | Web-based system for online application  | The activity of web-based system initiated by PPV&FRA for online submission and processing of applications for registration of plant varieties through NIC(NICSI) approved by DAC&FW vide letter no.1-10/2014-SD.V dated 14.03.2019 for an amount of Rs. 125.09 lakh was noted by the Members. The Members asked to complete the work in time by the PPV&FRA.   |
| 9. | Status of occupancy of the position of Deputy Registrar at the PPVFRA Branch Offices             | Members noted the status of occupancy of the position of Deputy Registrar at the PPVFRA Branch Offices and it was decided to fill up the vacant positions immediately so that work pendency and other works are taken up. Members asked to check the revised guidelines of payment to Deputy Registrars (on contract basis) existing in the Central Government and adopt the same after taking up the matter with DAC&FW for revision in remuneration as applicable to Deputy Registrars of the PPVFRA at its Branch offices on contractual basis.  |

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| 10. | Revision of DUS test guidelines under Rule 29(8) and (9) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 | The revised DUS guidelines of the Pearl millet ( <i>Pennisetum glaucum</i> (L.) R. Br., and Sorghum ( <i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench) were approved by Members under Rule 29(8) and (9) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003.   |
| 11. | Creation of new posts at PPVFR Authority                                       | <p>It was emphasized that the work load as a commitment to the farmers and plant breeders of the country had tremendously increased with larger level of awareness among stake holders as well as competitiveness. Members were informed that the number of registration of crop species and applications for registration as well as already notified crops/ to be notified for registration which are in the pipeline have all increased substantially (presently 157 crop species and 16,533 applications as on date), as a consequence of which, there was a need for increasing the strength of staff in order to not only examining the applications on merit, but also interpreting the claims and evidences while discharging or hearing evidences on merit with sufficient expertise and experience in technically interpreting the provisions in the Act and Rules at par with other IPR Registries. The matter was taken up for discussion with the DAC&amp;FW as well as with the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Accordingly, the posts, scales and service conditions were revised for approval of the same.</p> <p>The Authority deliberated in detail the above parameters and approved the increased number of manpower at the Authority as essential keeping in view the enhanced administrative, financial, legal, technical and supporting work. The proposal of 165 posts including existing 19 posts in position was discussed and approved.</p> <p>The increased technical and techno-legal expertise required in correctly discharging the duties at the Registry were discussed as discussed in the DAC&amp;FW, MoA&amp;FW as</p> |

|                                 |  | well as the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. The Members agreed that the levels of technical and legal positions were required to be raised commensurate with the responsibility enabling for competitive selection of matching level experienced scientists, technicians and legal experts with comparable salaries with the national agricultural research system and legal system.  |                      |               |                       |                                 |             |             |
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| 12.                             | Fixation of time limit for registration of extant varieties for Melia crop species ( <i>Melia dubia</i> Cav.). | Under Rule 22(2) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 the time limit for registration of extant varieties of the Melia crop species <i>Melia dubia</i> Cav. was approved as follows:-<br>a) Extant Notified Variety and VCK – 6 years from the date of publication of approval of Authority in Plant Variety Journal of India.<br><br>b) Farmers Variety – 10 years from the date of publication of approval of Authority in Plant Variety Journal of India.   |                      |               |                       |                                 |             |             |
| 13.                             | Fixation of DUS Fee and onsite DUS test fee for Melia  | In accordance with Rule 29(1)(a) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 the proposal of DUS test fee of the following crop species was approved as given below:-<br><br><table border="1" data-bbox="794 1272 1315 1536"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Crop Species</th> <th>DUS test fees</th> <th>On-site DUS test fees</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Melia (<i>Melia dubia</i> Cav)</td> <td>Rs.30,000/-</td> <td>Rs.40,000/-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Name of Crop Species | DUS test fees | On-site DUS test fees | Melia ( <i>Melia dubia</i> Cav) | Rs.30,000/- | Rs.40,000/- |
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| 14.                             | Extending Period of Protection of plant varieties registered under PPV&FR Act, 2001.                           | The draft amendment with justification was discussed and deliberated by the members. Members approved by majority the clause (i) to (iii) of sub-section (6) of Section 24 to request the Government of India to effect amendment as deemed fit for harmonizing the period that facilitates enabling Indian Farmers access to International varieties in crops especially high value crops.   |                      |               |                       |                                 |             |             |

| 15.   | Minutes of the EVRC Meeting   | The decisions taken on basis of the recommendations of the 32 <sup>nd</sup> and 33 <sup>rd</sup> EVRC meetings (notified) held under the chairmanship of Dr. H. S. Gupta, Former Director, IARI, New Delhi were presented for information to the members of the Authority  |                            |               |   |   |  |   |
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| 16.   | Proceedings of the Indo-German International workshop on DNA based system & Techniques for consolidated DUS       | Members noted the proceedings of the Indo-German International workshop on DNA based system & Techniques for consolidated DUS held on 20th & 21st November 2018 at New Delhi.  |                            |               |   |   |  |   |
| 17.   | Amendment in Certificate of Registration.   | The proposal for amendment of Form O-2 of Third Schedule of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 was approved for forwarding to the Nodal Ministry for notification in the Official Gazette urgently as the information covered in the new certificates was inclusive of details missing earlier which were required for the purposes of claims and completeness of information about the rights holder/s.   |                            |               |   |   |  |   |
| 18.   | Proposal for conducting awareness programme/workshops   | <p>The following proposal of awareness programs, national seminars and regional workshops was approved for the year 2019-20 by the Members.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Programmes to be conducted</th> <th>Proposed area</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>“National Seminar on Registration on Farmers Varieties, Farmers Rights and implementation of the Authority Programme”</td> <td><u>Up to 02</u><br/>1. Western Ghats<br/>North Eastern Region</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Regional Workshop on Registration on Farmers Varieties, Farmers Rights and</td> <td><u>Up to 05</u><br/>1. CAZRI, Jodhpur.<br/>2. Dr. BSKVV, Dapoli<br/>3. TNAU, Coimbatore<br/>4. BAU, Ranchi, Jharkhand</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Programmes to be conducted | Proposed area | “National Seminar on Registration on Farmers Varieties, Farmers Rights and implementation of the Authority Programme” | <u>Up to 02</u><br>1. Western Ghats<br>North Eastern Region | Regional Workshop on Registration on Farmers Varieties, Farmers Rights and | <u>Up to 05</u><br>1. CAZRI, Jodhpur.<br>2. Dr. BSKVV, Dapoli<br>3. TNAU, Coimbatore<br>4. BAU, Ranchi, Jharkhand |
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|     |  | implementation of the Authority Programme”   | 5. CTCRI Trivandrum   |
|     |  | Farmers training cum awareness programme   | <u>Up to 125 programmes</u><br>1. ATARI-I (15)<br>2. ATARI-II (10)<br>3. ATARI-III (15)<br>4. ATARI-IV<br>5. ATARI-V (10)<br>6. ATARI-VI (10)<br>7. ATARI-VII (15)<br>8. ATARI-VIII (10)<br>9. ATARI-IX (10)<br>10. ATARI-X (15)<br>11. ATARI-XI (15) |
| 19. | Restoration of provision for special policy for career advancement or promotion of Registrar and other staff of the Authority. | The efforts made in taking up the matter with the Ministry and the Department of Expenditure were explained and accordingly, the proposal to restore the provision relating to career advancement in PPV&FR Regulations, 2006 and accordingly draft in this regard was approved for onward transmission to nodal ministry for notification in the Official Gazette.  |   |
| 20. | Providing upward mobility/ promotional opportunities for technical cadre of PPV&FR Authority.                                  | The proposal to revise the recruitment rules of all the technical and legal positions of PPV&FRA by providing promotional opportunities by providing composite method of selection of deputation/ promotion with age relaxation was discussed by the Members. It was decided that the detailed revision shall be made cadre-wise with the help of Dr. R.C. Shrivastava, Vice-Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Pusa to make the proposal cadre-wise and seek approval through circulation among the Members as the matter was agreed in principle in the 31 <sup>st</sup> meeting as per the Agenda by the Authority Members. |   |
| 21. | Proposal for recognizing TERI-Deakin Nano Biotech centre as TERI for DNA finger printing and benefit share determination       | The proposal received from the TERI-Deakin Nano Biotechnology Centre (TDNBC) to recognize their lab for DNA fingerprinting of plant varieties was deferred till the guidelines were finalized and the facility had NABL accreditation for the purpose.   |   |

| 22.  | Budget proposal for FY 2019-20   | <p>The following proposal sent to DOAC&amp;FW for the allocation of the Budget of Rs.3000.00 lakh for the year 2019-20 to the PPV&amp;FRA was noted by the members.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Rs. in Lakhs)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="735 412 1369 813"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="735 412 890 546">Name of the Major Head</th> <th data-bbox="890 412 1034 546">Revised Budget Allocation 2018-19</th> <th data-bbox="1034 412 1214 546">Anticipated Expenditure 2018-19</th> <th data-bbox="1214 412 1369 546">Proposed Budget Allocation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="735 546 890 647">Grants in aid- General</td> <td data-bbox="890 546 1034 647">1400.00</td> <td data-bbox="1034 546 1214 647">1400.00</td> <td data-bbox="1214 546 1369 647">2600.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="735 647 890 748">Grants in aid- Salaries</td> <td data-bbox="890 647 1034 748">383.00</td> <td data-bbox="1034 647 1214 748">383.00</td> <td data-bbox="1214 647 1369 748">400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="735 748 890 813"><b>Total</b></td> <td data-bbox="890 748 1034 813"><b>1783.00</b></td> <td data-bbox="1034 748 1214 813"><b>1783.00</b></td> <td data-bbox="1214 748 1369 813"><b>3000.00</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Name of the Major Head     | Revised Budget Allocation 2018-19 | Anticipated Expenditure 2018-19 | Proposed Budget Allocation | Grants in aid- General | 1400.00 | 1400.00 | 2600.00 | Grants in aid- Salaries | 383.00 | 383.00 | 400.00 | <b>Total</b> | <b>1783.00</b> | <b>1783.00</b> | <b>3000.00</b> |
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| Grants in aid- Salaries                            | 383.00   | 383.00  | 400.00                     |                                   |                                 |                            |                        |         |         |         |                         |        |        |        |              |                |                |                |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>1783.00</b>   | <b>1783.00</b>  | <b>3000.00</b>             |                                   |                                 |                            |                        |         |         |         |                         |        |        |        |              |                |                |                |
| 23.  | <p><u>Additional Agenda item</u><br/>On the special request of Dr. Kuldeep Singh, the Chairperson approved the following agenda under PPV&amp;FR Rule 16(8)-</p> <p>Some guidelines have to be developed for issuance of such material from the NBPGR genebank which is registered under PPV&amp;FR Act, 2001.</p> | <p>The matter was discussed in detail by the Members and it was decided that Chairperson shall constitute a committee in this regard and the recommendations shall be put up to the Authority for its consideration.</p>  |                            |                                   |                                 |                            |                        |         |         |         |                         |        |        |        |              |                |                |                |
| The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair |  |   |                            |                                   |                                 |                            |                        |         |         |         |                         |        |        |        |              |                |                |                |