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दिनांक : 16th अप्रैल, 2018 (सोमवार)
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Time : 11:00 AM

पौधा किस्म और कृषक अधिकार संरक्षण प्राधिकरण
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Meeting Type	Authority Meeting	Date and Time	16 April, 2018 at 11:00 AM
Subject	29 th Meeting of the PPV&FR Authority		
Venue	Board Room, IGH, NASC Complex, New Delhi		
Attendance	<p><u>The following members attended the meeting:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. K.V.Prabhu, Chairperson, PPV&FRA 2. Dr. R. C. Srivastava, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, PUSA, Samastipur 3. Mr. Bijay Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of Maharashtra Mantralaya, Mumbai-462004 4. Dr. A.K.Singh, DD (CS &H), ICAR, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 5. Shri Ashwani Kumar, J.S. (Seeds), DAC&FW, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 6. Shri R.S.Verma, Joint Secretary & Legal Advisor, Ministry of Legal Affairs, New Delhi 7. Dr. Sujata Arora, Adviser, Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi – 110003 8. Sh. Aruna Kumar V.K., Director, Krishi Prayoga Pariwara, Krishi Nivas, Shivamogga, Karnataka-577432 9. Sh. Bihari Lal Sharma, Executive Director, Youth for Sustainable Development, Shimla-171001 10. Sh. M Prabhakar Rao, Chairman and Managing Director, Nuziveedu Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, Telangana-500034 11. Dr. Nikki Kumari (Hembrom), Hanuman Nagar, Kankarbagh, Patna-800020 12. Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar-General, PPV&FR Authority (Member Secretary) <p>We also had representatives of Principal Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh (Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Prof and Head, RVSKVV, Gwalior).</p> <p>Leave of absence was given to :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Director, ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi 		

Introduction	<p>At the outset, Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Member Secretary and Registrar-General, PPV& FR Authority welcomed all the members. After a brief round of introduction of all the members, Member Secretary briefed about the activities of the PPV&FRA for the benefit of those Members who were attending the Meeting for the first time. Members welcomed Dr. K.V. Prabhu, Chairperson for joining PPV&FRA as the chairperson. The Chairperson also welcomed the members and thanked the Authority Members for their support and guidance for the overall progress of the Authority. The Chairperson in his introductory remarks emphasized on the harmonization of activities of PPV&FRA with other national and international instruments like National Biodiversity Act, WTO, CBD, ITPGRFA. He also informed that the Authority shall take up on priority the issues related to benefit sharing to the Farmers' registered varieties.</p> <p>He then asked the Member Secretary to start the proceedings of the Authority.</p>
Declaration of Conflict of Interest by Members	<p>There was only one conflict of interest by Mr M.Prabhakar Rao related to Agenda Item No. 9 related to "Representation of Federation of Seed Industry of India dated 15th February, 2018 requesting for hearing in person regarding lawful acquisition of Seed Material under Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act, 2001". Mr. Rao vacated the room during the discussion of the Agenda Item no. 9.</p>

Agenda Number	Agenda description	Details
1.	Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting held on 22 nd	The minutes of 28th meeting of PPV&FR Authority were adopted by the Authority.

	November, 2017	
2.	Action Taken Report	<p>It was informed that the office of the Authority has taken necessary action on all recommendations of the 28th Authority Meeting.</p> <p>The following recommendations were made by the Members-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recommendation of the sixth meeting of the Essentially Derived Varieties Committee held on April, 09, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. A. Patil, Ex Director IARI, New Delhi, at GKVK Campus, UAS, Bengaluru were deliberated and were approved by the members (approved guidelines enclosed as Annexure 1). The logistics with respect to registration fee and denomination etc. shall be worked out by Registry and put up to Chairperson for the approval. Guidelines for examination/DUS Testing of EDV must be framed keeping in view the technology advancement for development of EDV, which includes new technology like genome editing etc. 2. Regarding the opening of new branch office at Hyderabad, it was decided that at the moment, no other centre was required for the southern region while one new centre is required for northern region. Any new centre issue may be again taken up with the DAC&FW once the existing five branch offices were stabilized after recruiting regular staff in each. It was decided that PPVFRA should write to all the State

		<p>Departments of Agriculture and SAUs which were covered under the northern region jurisdiction for their willingness to provide the office space for PPVFRA and at least 20 acres of land for the purpose of DUS testing.</p> <p>3. The members were informed that the PPV&FRA had submitted a proposal through NIC for taking up IT services related to the registration activities like online filing, payment gateway, reference varieties database, portal and many other activities to DAC&FW for financial concurrence. The JS (seeds) was requested to expedite for an early approval of the proposal.</p>
3.	Progress of Plant Varieties Registry	The progress of the Registry was presented by Member Secretary, who briefed about the progress of the international workshops, national workshops, regional workshops held during the year the contents of which were appreciated. The progress of the bilateral co-operation with Germany was also detailed;
4.	Dr. K.V. Prabhu assumed charge as Chairperson PPV&FRA.	The joining of Dr. Prabhu w.e.f. 6 Feb 2018 was noted by the Members.
5.	Approval of DUS test guidelines under Rule 29(9) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003.	The DUS Test Guidelines for following Crop Species published in various PVJs under Rule 29(9) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 were approved to forward to Central Government for notification under Section 29(2) of PPV&FR Act, 2001 to facilitate the registration of varieties from these species.

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6.	Fixation of time limit for registration of extant varieties for five crop species (Willow, Oat and Date Palm).	<p>Under Rule 22(2) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 the time limit for registration of extant varieties of the three crop species namely Willow – (<i>Salix tetrasperma</i>, <i>Salix nigra</i>, <i>Salix jessoensis</i>, <i>Salix x rubens</i>, <i>Salix matsudana</i>, <i>Salix alba</i>, <i>Salix acmophylla</i>), Oat (<i>Avena sativa</i> L.), and Date Palm (<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i> L.) was approved as follows:-</p> <p>a) Extant Notified Variety and VCK of the above species – 6 years from the date of publication of approval of Authority in Plant Variety Journal of India.</p> <p>b) Farmers Variety of the above species– 10 years from the date of publication of approval of Authority in Plant Variety Journal of India.</p>												
7.	Fixation of DUS Fee and onsite DUS test fee for Willow, Oat and Date Palm	<p>In accordance with Rule 29(1)(a) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 proposal is being submitted for kind consideration of the Authority Members. The DUS test fees of the following crop species are proposed hereunder:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Crop Species</th> <th>Publish ed in</th> <th>DUS test fees</th> <th>On-site DUS test</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> </tbody> </table>	Name of Crop Species	Publish ed in	DUS test fees	On-site DUS test								
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8.	Notification of SAUs as centres under section 41(1) of PPV&FR Act, 2001.	<p>The provisions of Section 41(1) of PPV&FR Act, 2001 which provides that any village or rural community in India can file in any centre notified with the prior approval of the Authority, any claim for compensation if in any newly registered variety, the said village or rural community had made contribution in the evolution of such variety, were discussed. It was decided that the Chairperson should direct all State Departments of Agriculture to provide the geographic jurisdiction of their State Agriculture Universities (SAUs).</p> <p>Accordingly, the Chairperson was authorised to direct the corresponding Vice-Chancellor to nominate suitable officers group-wise (field crop, fruits, vegetables, trees, spices, flower crops and plantations) specially from area of crop improvement to act as the nodal PVP Claims Officers as per the provisions of section 41 of the PPV&FR</p>			

		<p>Act.</p> <p>After compiling the list of such PVP Claim Officers with respective SAUs, the proposal should be sent to nodal Ministry for notification in the Gazette.</p> <p>The cost involved in the verification of the claims under section 41 should be reimbursed by PPV&FRA, which needs prior approval of the sanctioning authority of the PPVFRA in order to ascertain that the claim being made is correct under the section. A general protocol and basic costing frame can be developed by the PPVFRA which can be circulated among the nodal offices.</p>
9.	Representation of Federation of Seed Industry of India dated 15th February, 2018 requesting for hearing in person regarding lawful acquisition of Seed Material under Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act, 2001	The representation of Federation of Seed Industry of India (FSII), submitted to Chairperson, PPV&FRA requesting for an opportunity to present their views in person was discussed. The issue in the representation includes that transgenic trait such as Bt cotton expression cannot be observed visually using DUS guidelines and therefore cannot be detected by PPV&FR Authority during DUS testing and without a valid document from the technology provider, it would not be feasible for the PPV&FR Authority to decide if the transgenic variety comprises of genetic material responsible for the claimed transgene expression which may not have a phenotypic characteristic. The representation further says that a mere declaration by the applicant without any document from the technology provider may result in the Authority inadvertently protecting a

		<p>transgenic variety with false claims under the PPV&FR Act, which may in turn result in legalization of a counterfeit, or worse, an unsafe/unapproved product in the market. It also states that environmental release of a transgenic variety without an approval from GEAC and consent from the technology provider would be a gross violation of the EPA and that provisions relating to benefit sharing in PPV&FR Act, 2001 does not even come under the purview of PPV&FR Act and rights which have been granted to the technology developer under the Patents Act, 1970 and both PPV&FR Act, 2001 and Patents Act, 1970 are independent and must co-exist in the case of a transgenic variety.</p> <p>Further, some members also brought out that the provisions used earlier in seeking the NOC from applicants at Section 20(1) has not been referred to in the legal advice. In addition, it was brought out that there is in existence a requirement of following the SMTA as a mandatory requirement for germplasm/genetic resource exchange, which satisfies the national commitments under ITPGRFA and CBD through NBA as harmonization of regulatory needs in germplasm exchange in the country. In view of the above, the members felt that there are new grounds to relook into the matter, for which legal opinion may be sought, from Department of Legal Affairs.</p>
10.	Issue of Expression of Interest for outsourcing of DUS testing	It was informed by the Member Secretary that Rule 29 (7) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 provides that the Authority may recognize and empanel

	to reputed/ accredited centres.	<p>institutions having adequate facilities for conducting DUS or Special tests in the country for conducting such tests. So far, the Authority has empanelled ICAR centres and SAUs as DUS test centres. But to bring in focused exclusivity to the conduct of the tests avoiding any conflict of interest and to bring in high quality and precision in DUS testing, it is proposed to outsource the DUS testing to reputed/ accredited centres. The Authority deliberated on the issue of consequences with private agencies</p> <p>Members decided that Chairperson should make two committees of experts to develop the specifications for different category of plants (field crops and horticultural crops) for inviting expression of interest (Eoi) bids in the leading newspapers/e-portals from NABL accredited public or private agencies to qualify for bids for conducting DUS testing with adequate safety protocols on outsource basis. The recommendations of the Committee should be put up to Authority for its further deliberation.</p>
11.	Execution of MoU with ICAR Centres for DUS testing.	<p>Rule 29 (7) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 provides that the Authority may recognize and empanel institutions having adequate facilities for conducting DUS or Special tests in the country for conducting such tests. So far, the Authority has empanelled ICAR centres and SAUs as DUS test centres. The MoAs executed with the following DUS test Centres were approved by the members:-</p> <p>1. ICAR-Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan (PKAS), Almora, Uttarakhand.</p>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. ICAR- Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. 3. ICAR- Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (DMAPR), Boriavi, Anand, Gujarat. 4. ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Regional Station, Katrain, Kullu (HP). 5. ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. 6. ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur. 7. ICAR- Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. 8. ICAR-Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research, Bharatpur, Rajasthan 9. JNKVV, Jabalpur. 10. ICAR-Central Institute for cotton Research, Regional Station, Coimbatore. 11. Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam. 12. ICAR- Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture, Rehmankhera, Kakori, Lucknow. 13. ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres, Nilganj, Barracpore, Kolkata. 14. ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. 15. ICAR-Central Institute for Arid Horticulture, Bikaner.
12.	Functions of the Authority to executed in project mode.	<p>Section 8 (2) of PPV&FR Act, 2001 provides for the functions of the Authority. Section 8 (2)(a), (b) and (g) relating to registration of plant varieties, documentation of registered varieties and maintenance of Register of Plant varieties are being undertaken regularly. Other importance functions of PPV&FR Authority under section 8 (2)(c) to section 8(2)(f) have to be executed in project mode. They relate to the following namely:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) developing characterization and documentation of varieties registered under this Act' b) documentation, indexing and cataloguing of farmers' varieties; c) compulsory cataloguing facilities for all varieties of plants;

		<p>d) ensuring that seeds of the varieties registered under this Act are available to the farmers and providing for compulsory licensing of such varieties if the breeder of such varieties or any other person entitled to produce such variety under this Act does not arrange for production and sale of the seed in the manner as may be prescribed;</p> <p>e) collecting statistics with regard to plant varieties, including the contribution of any person at any time in the evolution or development of any plant variety, in India or in any other country, for compilation and publication;</p> <p>f) ensuring the maintenance of the Register.</p> <p>Accordingly the proposal to take up various activities under Section 8 of PPV&FR Act, 2001 for execution under project mode adopting the same standards/structures for wages of the skilled technical personnel (Junior Research Fellow/Senior Research Fellow/Research Associate) as approved by Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India with similar terms and conditions, and as revised time to time by the Department was approved.</p>
13.	Reconstitution of the selection committee for Plant Genome Saviour Farmers Reward and Plant Genome Saviour Farmers Recognition.	Rule 5 (3) of PPV&FR (Recognition and Reward from the Gene Fund) Rules, 2012 provides for the selection committee for Plant Genome Saviour Farmers Reward and Plant Genome Saviour Farmers Recognition. When the former deals with a horizontal, broad-based community performance resulting downstream in protecting groups of plants/species in an ecology, the latter recognizes vertical upstream ITK and skill-based saving of plant species or related species with an objectivity to conserve as well as genetically enhance the crop value. The former committee is well balanced while the latter is

		<p>technology-wise formalized to be composed of officials who are non-technical. The proposal of the revision of this committee with technical experts was approved. The Chairperson was authorised to approve such committee and send it to DAC&FW for the gazette noting.</p>			
14.	<p>Issuing of advertisement to public inviting their views regarding priority of crops for framing of DUS test guidelines.</p>	<p>Till now 147 crop species have been notified for registration. The Act provides for Right of Farmers and Breeders to protect any crop variety bred by them. Therefore, eventually, DUS test guidelines for all cultivated crops involved in the economic/livelihood activities of farmers need to be developed. But still DUS test guidelines for several other crop species have to be framed.</p> <p>The proposal that the views of the various stakeholders involved in this like farmers; seed industry; crop breeders from SAUs, ICAR Institutes & forest officials; agri-markets and consumers through an advertisements in newspapers and journals was approved.</p>			
15.	<p>Jurisdiction of Registrars.</p>	<p>Regulation 4 of PPV&FR Regulations, 2006 provides that the Authority shall determine the jurisdiction of the Registrars. As per the delegation of the Authority, the jurisdiction of the Registrar can be decided by the Chairperson. Consequently, the jurisdiction of the Registrar decided by the Chairperson as follows was adopted by the Members:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Registrar</th> <th>Crop wise Jurisdiction</th> <th>Branch Offices</th> </tr> </thead> </table>	Registrar	Crop wise Jurisdiction	Branch Offices
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16.	Change in Member-Secretary of Extant Variety Release Committee	The proposal to nominate Dr. T.K. Nagarathna, Registrar as member secretary for Extant Variety Recommendation Committee (EVRC) and Dr. D. K. Yadava, Head, Division of Seed Science & Technology, IARI as replacement of Dr. K.V. Prabhu in EVRC was approved.									
17.	Reconstitution of the Committee for registration of EDV.	<p>The committee of Experts for registration of EDVs was reconstituted with following members-</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1. Dr. A.K.Singh, Head, Division of Genetics, IARI, New Delhi (Chairman)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Dr. M. Sundaram, IIRR, Hyderabad (Member)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Dr. P.Chhuneja, PAU, Ludhiana (Member)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Dr. D.Sudhakar, Professor, Department of Biotechnology, TNAU (Member)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Dr. S.K. Dasgupta, General Manager (Res), Sungro Seeds (Member)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Dr. B. Singh, Director, IIVR, Varanasi</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. Dr. S.A. Desai Srinivas, Registrar,</td> </tr> </table>	1. Dr. A.K.Singh, Head, Division of Genetics, IARI, New Delhi (Chairman)	2. Dr. M. Sundaram, IIRR, Hyderabad (Member)	3. Dr. P.Chhuneja, PAU, Ludhiana (Member)	4. Dr. D.Sudhakar, Professor, Department of Biotechnology, TNAU (Member)	5. Dr. S.K. Dasgupta, General Manager (Res), Sungro Seeds (Member)	6. Dr. B. Singh, Director, IIVR, Varanasi	7. Dr. S.A. Desai Srinivas, Registrar,		
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		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi. (Member-Secretary) </div> <p>The term of the reference of the Committee would be as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide guidance for the manner & method of testing EDV under section 23 of the PPV&FR Act. 2. To provide necessary guidance for conducting such tests and following such procedure as may be prescribed. 3. To advice the PPV&FR Authority on issue relating to registration of EDV. <p>The tenure of the Committee will be for a period of three years from the date of issue of the order by the office of the Authority.</p>
18.	Amendment in Rules relating to endorsing authorities for application form for registration of farmers varieties and swearing of affidavit by endorsing authority relating to genetic purity, uniformity and stability for registration of farmers varieties.	The proposal that endorsing authorities in the application form for registration of farmers varieties shall be one of the officials amongst Director of Research of SAUs/Project Co-ordinators/Directors of concerned mandated crop based institutes of ICAR through any of their offices/branches in their jurisdiction was approved. Necessary amendment in this regard should be brought in 6 th Schedule of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 which contain application form registration of farmers' varieties. It was also approved that to maintain genetic purity in farmers varieties submitted for DUS testing, an amendment will be made to the effect that before filing of the application for registration of farmers varieties, the endorsing Authority shall have to conduct/facilitate under its functional jurisdiction a screening test on field for establishing the genetic Uniformity and Stability criteria of the variety to depose and file the affidavit in

		PPV&FR Authority and thereafter the application for registration of farmers' be filed.
19.	Proposal to use the harvested seed of the 1st season to be used in the 2nd season	<p>The proposal to use the harvested seed of the 1st season in the 2nd season for the DUS testing of New Varieties was approved.</p> <p>It was also approved that for hybrids, the seeds of candidate variety submitted along with seeds of parental lines shall be tested to conform the identity of the parental line, parental formula used to develop the hybrid. Where maintainer of male sterility was involved, the same would have to be used for producing the maintainer line seed also. A committee under the chairmanship of Dr. O. P. Yadav, Director, CAZRI; Dr. Vilas Tonapy, Director, Indian Institute of Millet Research; In-Charge Director of IISS, Mau; Dr. A. T. Sadashiva, Principal Scientist, IIHR, Bengaluru with Dr Ravi Prakash, Registrar as Member Secretary is approved for setting up the field dimensions and modalities as an integral exercise of DUS testing of first year for self pollinated and cross pollinated crops for varieties and hybrids.</p>
20.	Approval of budget estimate 2018-19 and SFC for construction of Plant Authority Bhawan	The budget estimate for 2018-19 forwarded to DAC&FW vide letter No PPV&FRA/2-2/Budget/2017/1581 dated 31.8.2017 and SFC note for revised cost for construction of Plant Authority Bhawan vide letter no. PPV&FRA/RG/Land/2015/3274 dated 5.3.2018 were adopted by the members.

21.	Manpower requirement for efficient performance and functions of the Authority	<p>It was informed to the members that so far 147 crop species have been notified for registration and about 16000 applications for Registration have been received which require technical scrutiny, seed receiving and dispatch of each variety and maintaining it in gene bank. Also as a regular activity coordination for DUS testing for 147 crop species has to be undertaken at more than 80 DUS centres, handling DUS related projects (about 150) for physical and financial monitoring, publication of monthly Journal of Plant Variety, Translation of PVJ and DUS guidelines in Hindi, conducting 250 awareness camps in different parts of India through various stakeholders, organisation of Agro-biodiversity exhibitions, activities related to Annual 35 Plant Genome Saviour Award/Rewards/Recognition, compilation of Annual Report and Annual Account to place before the parliament, providing input to DAC&FW related to Parliament Question/International obligation/Bilateral Cooperation etc. These huge tasks are difficult to manage with the present manpower and without any admin, account section and adequate technical experts for Registry.</p> <p>It is, therefore proposed to create following additional technical posts for the efficient function of the Authority and registration of Plant Varieties.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S. No.</th> <th>Designation of the post</th> <th>Pay Scale</th> <th>Number of the posts</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Examiner Plant Variety</td> <td>Rs. 9300-34800 GP+5400</td> <td>10 Nos. for headquarters for Registry Section</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S. No.	Designation of the post	Pay Scale	Number of the posts	1.	Examiner Plant Variety	Rs. 9300-34800 GP+5400	10 Nos. for headquarters for Registry Section
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Total			20		
<p>Further the post of Registrar, Joint Registrar and Deputy Registrar are kept on deputation basis in the Lower Scale due to which getting qualified and experienced candidates is very difficult, hence it is proposed to upgrade the following posts and to be filled up on regular basis.</p>					
		Post	Existing Pay Scale	Proposed Pay Scale	No. of Posts
		Registrar	37400-67000 + GP 8700 Revised Pay Scale Level-13	37400-67000 + GP 10,000/- Revised Pay Scale Level-14	3
		Joint Registrar	15600-39100 +GP 7600 Revised Pay Scale Level-12	15600-39100 +GP 8,900/- Revised Pay Scale Level-13A	2
		Deputy Registrar	15600-39100 +GP 6600 Revised Pay Scale Level-11	15600-39100 +GP 7,600 Revised Pay Scale Level-12	3
22.	Proposal for Training-Cum-Awareness programmes and participation in Exhibition/Seminar/Symposium / Workshop etc. during 2018-19	<p>The Authority approved following farmers awareness-cum-Training programme to educate the farmers about the various provisions on farmers Rights provided in the PPV&FR Act,2001 are as under during the year 2018-19:-</p>			
		Particulars	No. of Programmes	Proposed Amount each programme (Rs. in lakh)	Total fund Required (Rs. in lakh)
		National level programmes	2	10 .00	20.00

		Regional level	5	06.00	30.00
		Local level programs through KVKs/SAUs/ICAR institutes	125	01.00	125.00
		Participation in the seminar/Exhibition/ kisan Mela/ Symposium	Need basis	Need basis	20.00
		Total			195.00
		Participation in the seminar/exhibition/ kisan mela/symposium etc.			
23.	Agenda Item No. 24 – Proposal for the Extension of Term of Dr. R.C.Agrawal for another one year	The proposal of extension of Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar General for a period of 1 year after 22.11.2018 under Rule 19(5), which was in force during the time of his appointment was approved by the members for sending it to his parent department and DACFW for further needful.			
24.	Submission of inquiry report by inquiry officer in Disciplinary Proceedings against Sh. R.R. Pradhan, Legal Advisor for not complying the order dated 09.01.2014 of Hon'ble CAT in O.A. No.1052/2014.	Members informed that the PPV&FR Authority in its third Meeting held on 25 th May, 2007 has decided that Chairperson was to be considered as the appointing authority for the officers of the Authority. The Chairperson was authorized for taking final decision against Sh. R.R. Pradhan, Legal Advisor for not complying the order dated 09.01.2014 of Hon'ble CAT in O.A. No.1052/2014.			
25.	Additional Agenda	<p>Engagement of Experts/Consultants to assist the Authority for efficient discharge of its duties and functions.</p> <p>The Authority is empowered under rule 18 (PPV&FR Rules, 2003) to engage the experts or consultants are as under.</p>			

18(1). The Authority may appoint such experts or consultants as it considers necessary to seek guidance and assistance in technical areas demanding specialized advisory inputs, to enable the Authority for efficient discharge of its duties and functions

18(2). The Authority may appoint such other committees as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of its duties and functions

18 (3). The Authority may, in consultation with the Central Government, fix the quantum of remuneration, payable to the experts and consultants

Accordingly, Authority approved for engagement of following consultants (Technical/ Admin/Account) on contract basis for the period of one year with the remuneration to be fixed with the consultation of Central Government.

1	The manpower required for the Registry to assist three Registrars dealing various crop and category of application for registration	18
2	Maintenance of National Gene bank	4
3	Monitoring of DUS Projects (Approx. 50) for Development of DUS guidelines	3
4	Implementation of farmers Rights and Award, Reward & Recognition/ Awareness etc	2
	Total	27
5	Consultant for Admin Section	2
6	Consultant for Account/Audit Section	3
7	Consultant for Hindi Translation	1
	Total	6
	Grand Total	33

The remuneration proposed are as under:-

		S. No.	Details of Manpower required	Emoluments in Rupees (per month)
		1.	Consultant Technical (with Ph.D. in Genetics and Plant Breeding having minimum ten years experience in relevant field)	45,000/-
		2.	Consultant Technical (with Master Degree in Genetics and Plant Breeding having minimum five years experience)	40,000/-
		3.	Consultant Admin	40,000/-
		4.	Consultant Admin	35,000/-
		5.	Consultant Accounts	40,000/-
		6.	Consultant Accounts	35,000/-
		7.	Consultant Audit	40,000/-
		8.	Consultant Hindi Translator	40,000/-
	General Points	<p>Some general issues prevailing at the PPVFRA were discussed and following decisions were arrived at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No further extension be considered for the time limit regarding the registration of varieties under the Extant category once their extended period got over, other than the new extant varieties under notified varieties. 2. Advertisement should be published in the newspapers regarding the deadlines of the registration of various crop species under extant category 		

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. In the next Authority Meeting, progress according to crop species under various categories should be presented. 4. For any Regional/National/International workshops, a notification should go to all the Authority Members. 5. The catalogue of Farmers varieties registered with PPV&FRA should also be published in Regional Languages. 6. School Children should be invited in the awareness programs from the adjoining areas.
<p>The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair</p>		

Guidelines related to registration of the EDVs

1. In case of the act of essential derivation happens on parent (s), therefore while establishing whether a hybrid is essentially derived or not, the DUS characterization of essentially derived hybrid (EDH) should be done along with original hybrid, essentially derived parent(s) and original parent(s) for example, in a single cross hybrid if both parents are essentially derived, the DUS characterization has to be undertaken on P1 (IV), EDV-P1, P2(IV), EDV-P2 and the original hybrid (P1 X P2), EDH (EDV-P1 X EDV-P2). Seeds of original parents, EDV-Parent(s) and their respective hybrids needs to be submitted by applicants for DUS testing. The protection to hybrids can be only ensured through parents therefore, while protecting hybrids, it is mandatory to protect parents as a package irrespective of whether the hybrid is a new hybrid or essentially derived hybrid.
2. In case of CGMS lines, all the lines viz., original A-line, B-line and R-line should be submitted along with their respective EDVs for testing.
3. Along with DUS characterization, a thorough characterization of EDV/EDH with respect to the trait which is the act of derivation is a must to ascertain the value of EDV/EDH.
4. In addition to DUS data, supporting evidence with molecular data on recovery of Recurrent Parent Genome (RPG) i.e initial variety (IV) must be provided by the applicant, where genomic markers resources are available as authenticated by DDG (CS), DDG (Hort) of ICAR and Director, Forest Research Institute. In consultation with these authorities, The Registrar General with the approval of the Chairperson will fix a Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for molecular profiling along with threshold for RPG on case-to-case basis for each species. Such data may be provided by the applicant or further verified by the Authority on outsource basis upon payment of appropriate fee by the applicant.
5. In case an application is filed under EDV category and its IV is in public domain, majority of members agreed that said EDV shall be considered for registration under New/VCK category only and shall become an IV for future derivation.