



## **Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Authority**

**Venue : Board Room, NASC Complex, Delhi**  
**Time : 11:00 AM**  
**Date : 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015 (Friday)**

**Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority**  
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Meeting Type	Authority Meeting	Date and Time	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 11:00 Hrs.
Subject	23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the PPV&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</li> <li>2. Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Deputy Director General (Crop Sciences), ICAR</li> <li>3. Dr. B.S. Dhillon, Vice-chancellor, PAU, Ludhiana</li> <li>4. Shri R.K.Singh, IAS, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India</li> <li>5. Shri Amit Mohan Prasad, IAS, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Uttar Pradesh</li> <li>6. Sh. Inder Kumar, Joint Secretary (Law)</li> <li>7. Dr. S.K. Malhotra, Horticulture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India</li> <li>8. Dr. K.C. Bansal, Director, NBPGR</li> <li>9. Shri P. Chengal Reddy, Secretary General, CIFA, Hyderabad</li> <li>10. Sh. Mayaram Nettam, Programme Officer (Retired), AIR and Doordarshan</li> <li>11. Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar-General, PPV&amp;FR Authority (Member Secretary)</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">Leave of absence was granted to following members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Shri Hem Pande, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests &amp; Climate Change, Government of India</li> <li>13. Dr. K.S. Charak, Scientist 'G' Adviser, DBT</li> <li>14. Dr. Usha Barwale, Director and Chief Technology Officer,</li> </ol>		

	Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company Limited 15. Shri D.K. Jain, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra
Introduction	At the outset, Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Member Secretary and Registrar-General, PPV& FR Authority welcomed all the members. The Members appreciated the contribution of Mrs. Neelam Tyagi, the women representative in the Authority who completed her term of 3 years. The Member Secretary informed that a proposal has been submitted to Nodal Ministry for the nomination of a new Women Representative. The Chairperson also welcomed the members and briefed the members about the latest initiatives of the office 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.

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Agenda Number	Agenda description	Details
1.	Confirmation of the minutes of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Authority meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Same were confirmed.
2.	Action Taken Report on the minutes of 22 <sup>nd</sup> Authority meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	It was informed that the office of the Authority has taken necessary action on all recommendations of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Authority Meeting. Members noted the Action Taken Report and adopted the same.
3.	Progress of Plant Varieties Registry	Chairperson presented the progress of the Registry. Members appreciated the progress related to clearance of pendency, awareness programmes, and specially the progress in the registration of farmers' varieties.  The Members asked that during the next meeting, the Registry should submit the details about the average time taken for

		different categories of the varieties.										
4.	<b>Proceedings of 3<sup>rd</sup> EDV Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015</b>	The proceedings of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> EDV meeting were adopted.										
5.	Finalization of DUS Test Guidelines of Eight crop species.	<p>Following 5 DUS Test Guidelines were approved for sending to Central Government for further needful.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>i.</td> <td>Vegetable Amaranth (<i>Amaranthus tricolor</i> L.)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td>Palak/Spinach beet (<i>Beta vulgaris</i> var. <i>bengalensis</i> Roxb.)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td>Ridge gourd (<i>Luffa acutangula</i> (L.) Roxb.)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iv.</td> <td>Orchid (<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Pfitz.)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>v.</td> <td>Carnation (<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> L.)</td> </tr> </table>	i.	Vegetable Amaranth ( <i>Amaranthus tricolor</i> L.)	ii.	Palak/Spinach beet ( <i>Beta vulgaris</i> var. <i>bengalensis</i> Roxb.)	iii.	Ridge gourd ( <i>Luffa acutangula</i> (L.) Roxb.)	iv.	Orchid ( <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Pfitz.)	v.	Carnation ( <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> L.)
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6.	Proposal for Additional Members in Extant Variety Recommendation Committee (EVRC)	<p>In view of the PPV&amp;FR (Amendment) Regulations, 2015, the composition of Extant Variety Recommendation Committee has been increased from seven to ten. Accordingly, following 3 additional members were approved in the existing EVRC.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1. Member (Specialist)</td> <td>Dr. H. Shivanna Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Member (Specialist)</td> <td>Dr. Vilas Tonapi Pr. Scientist, Indian Institute of Millet Research, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Seed Division, Ministry of Agriculture, representative</td> <td>Joint Secretary (Seeds) or his nominee</td> </tr> </table>	1. Member (Specialist)	Dr. H. Shivanna Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore	2. Member (Specialist)	Dr. Vilas Tonapi Pr. Scientist, Indian Institute of Millet Research, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana	3. Seed Division, Ministry of Agriculture, representative	Joint Secretary (Seeds) or his nominee				
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7.	Amendments in PPV&FR Rules, 2003, PPV&FR (Recognition and Reward from the Gene Fund) Rules,	The Members appreciated the timely action of Department of Agriculture and Co-										

	2012, PPV&FR Regulations, 2006 and in Annual Fee notification dated 26th August, 2009 reducing and fixing the Annual Fees to Rs.10./- and notification of PPV&FR Scheme 2015	operation for amendments in notification of Rules and Regulations of PPV&FR Act, 2001. The Members indicated that Amendment for Annual fee for farmers' varieties reducing the Annual Fee from Rs. 2000 to Rs. 10/- shall further bring a momentum in the registration of more Farmers varieties. The Members noted all the gazette notifications related to Scheme and Amendments.
8.	Delegation of Powers for forfeiture of certificate	Authority delegated its power to forfeit the certificate of registration under section 35 (2) to Chairperson, who in case of continuous default in payment of annual fee for two consecutive years shall issue a one month's notice which shall be co-terminus with the expiry of two consecutive years of default in payment of annual fee stating that the protection granted under the registration certificate shall be forfeited on the expiry of the period mentioned in the notice if default annual fee (for two consecutive years) is not paid.
9.	Time limit for registration of extant varieties	In view of the PPV&FR (Amendment) Rules, 2015 the Authority shall register the extant varieties within such period as may be determined by it and suitable DUS test criteria of such species shall be published in PVJ, the time limit for registration of extant varieties of all 92 crop species notified before 16 June 2015 was approved for extension as follows:

		<p>a) <u>Notified varieties and VCK</u></p> <p>6 years from the date of expiry of original time limit.</p> <p>b) <u>Farmers' varieties</u></p> <p>10 years from the date of expiry of original time limit.</p>
10.	Fixation of time limit for registration of extant variety crop species notified vide S.O 1796 (E) dated July 2, 2015 under Rule 22 (2) of PPV&FR Rules, 2003	<p>The PPV&amp;FR (Amendment) Rules, 2015 has amended Rule 22 (2) of PPV&amp;FR Rules, 2003 wherein it has been provided that the time limit for registration of extant variety crop species shall be specified by the Authority. Accordingly, the Authority approved the time limit for registration of extant varieties of 10 crop species (Jasmine, Tuberose, Papaya, China Aster, Peach, Japanese Plum, Strawberry, Chilli, Bell Pepper &amp; Paprika, Finger Millet and Foxtail Millet) under Rule 22 (2) of PPV&amp;FR Rules, 2003 as follows:</p> <p>a. <u>For Notified varieties and VCK</u></p> <p>6 years from the date of publication of approval of the Authority in the Plant Variety Journal of India.</p> <p>b. <u>Farmers' varieties</u></p> <p>10 years from the date of publication of approval of the Authority in the Plant Variety Journal of India</p>
11.	Fixation/Revision of DUS /On-site Test Fee	<p>Rule 29 (1)(a) of PPV&amp;FR Rules, 2003 provides that the Authority shall charge separate fees for conducting DUS test and special test on each variety. The maximum</p>

		<p>fee limit has been fixed in Second Schedule of PPV&amp;FR Rules, 2003. The PPV&amp;FR (Amendment) Rules, 2015 increases the maximum limit of DUS test fees which amounts to Rs. 2,00,000/- and for onsite DUS testing it is Rs. 8,00,000/-. The DUS Test Fees for EDV will be charged as per the DUS test Fess for New Varieties. The approved DUS Test/on-site Test Fee for 28 crop species is given in Annexure I (at Table 'A'), and for 74 crop species, the revised DUS Test Fee and on-site DUS Test Test Fee is given in Annexure –I (Table B.).</p> <p>In case of difficult areas like North Eastern Region (Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram), Sikkim, Ladakh, A&amp;N Islands and Lakshadweep Islands and abroad, the Authority delegated powers to Chairperson for fixing on-site DUS testing fees subject to the maximum limit of Rs.8,00,000/- under the Second Schedule of PPV&amp;FR Rules, 2003.</p>
12.	Branch Office of the Registry to be designated as Branch office of the Authority	Under Section 3(3) of PPV&FR Act, 2001 the Authority may with the previous approval of the central government notify branch offices of the Authority at other places in India. Since, branch offices of Registry has already been notified under section 12(6) of PPV&FR Act, 2001 it will be

		<p>in the interest of the Authority to notify them as branch offices of the Authority under section 3(3) also. Accordingly, to facilitate the filing of claims of compensation, benefit sharing, revocation, compulsory licence at the branch offices of the Authority, the two branch offices of the Registry namely Guwahati and Ranchi were approved as Branch Office of the Authority without any delegation of power to any staff working at these branch offices. The same may be sent to Central Government for further needful.</p>
13.	Venue of the meeting of Standing Committee on Farmers' Rights.	<p>Under Rule 17 (6) of PPV&amp;FR Rules, 2003, the powers for deciding the venue for the Meeting of Standing Committee on Farmers' Rights was delegated to Chairperson.</p>
14.	Recruitment rules for the post of registrar, joint registrar, deputy registrar, senior technical officer and executive assistant	<p>The PPV&amp;FR (Amendment) Rules, 2015 has amended the PPV&amp;FR Rules, 2003 and has made clear that the posts outside the Fourth Schedule of PPV&amp;FR Rules, 2003 are to be filled only by deputation or contract basis and posts in the Fourth Schedule of PPV&amp;FR Rules, 2003 are to be filled by Direct Recruitment. Further the PPV&amp;FR (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 has provided that the post of Registrar can be filled only by deputation basis for a period of three years and thereafter with the approval of the nodal administrative ministry and has also provided that only a person having proven managerial, legal or</p>

		<p>Intellectual Property Rights or Agricultural development experience shall be eligible to hold office of Registrar in the Authority. Due to these amendments, and changes in law it has become an imperative necessity to amend the Recruitment Rules in respect of the posts which have been revived and sanctioned.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Recruitment Rules for the post of Registrar, Joint Registrar and Deputy Registrar, Senior Technical Officer and Executive Assistant (Annexure–II) were discussed and approved by Members. The RRs will be sent to nodal ministry for vetting and approval.</p>
15.	General Guidelines for Conduct of Test for EDVs	Based on the recommendations of the EDV Expert Committee, the approved general guidelines by the Members are given in Annexure-III
16.	Procedure for the Annual fee and Renewal fee	The procedure approved by the Authority for Annual Fee and Renewal fee is enclosed in Annexure-IV
17.	Appeal of Sh. J.P. Singh, Ex-Financial Adviser (Charged Officer) for major penalty against him	The appeal of Shri J.P.Singh, Ex- Financial Adviser (Charged Officer) of PPV&FRA against the orders of Chairperson (Disciplinary Authority) awarding the Penalty of Removal from Service to the Charged Officer was discussed in detail by the Authority which is the Appellate Authority in the instant case. Before the agenda was taken up, the Chairperson

		<p>informed that as the appeal is against the decision of the Chairperson, he shall abstain from the deliberation on the agenda and accordingly he left the venue of the meeting. The Members, thereafter, requested Shri R.K.Singh, Joint Secretary (Seeds) to conduct the meeting regarding this agenda and to chair the session. After detailed discussion, the Members decided that they need more time to understand the issue and accordingly asked the Member Secretary to take up the Agenda again during the next Authority Meeting.</p>
18.	Any other point	
	<p>One of the Hon'ble Member Shri Changal Reddy enquired about the initiatives of the Authority regarding the registration of Tree and Forestry species specially Red Sanders and Sandalwood</p>	<p>It was informed that the Authority has already prioritized the list of forestry species in consultation with Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore. The Eucalyptus (two species), Casuarina (two species) have already been notified and about 10 species are in the advance stage of notification. The details shall be put up in next Authority Meeting.</p>
<p>The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair</p>		

## DUS Test Fee and On-site DUS Test Fee approved during 23<sup>rd</sup> Authority Meeting

Table A. Proposal for the DUS Test Fee and On-site DUS Test Fee

S.No.	Crop Species	Crop Name	Proposed DUS Test Fee(Rs)	Proposed On Site DUS Test Fees (Rs.)
1	Isabgol	<i>Plantago ovata</i> Forsk	20,000	60,000
2	Menthol mint	<i>Mentha arvensis</i> L.	20,000	60,000
3	Periwinkle	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i> L.	20,000	60,000
4	Brahmi	<i>Bacopa monnieri</i> L.Pennell	20,000	60,000
5	Coconut	<i>Cocos nucifera</i> L.	20,000	60,000
6	Tea	<i>Camellia sinensis</i>	20,000	60,000
7	Tea	<i>Camellia assamica</i>	20,000	60,000
8	Tea	<i>C.assamica</i> ssp <i>lasiocalyx</i> .	20,000	60,000
9	Acid Lime	<i>Citrus aurantifolia</i> Swingle	20,000	60,000
10	Mandarin	<i>Citrus reticulata</i> Blanco	20,000	60,000
11	Sweet Orange	<i>Citrus sinensis</i> (L.) Osbeck	20,000	60,000
12	Bougainvillea	<i>Bougainvillea</i> Comm. Ex Juss.	20,000	60,000
13	Banana	<i>Musa</i> spp.	20,000	NA
14	Orchid	<i>Oncidium</i> Sw.	20,000	NA
15	Canna	<i>Canna</i> L.	20,000	NA
16	Gladiolus	<i>Gladiolus</i> L.	20,000	NA
17	Muskmelon	<i>Cucumis melo</i> L.	30,000	NA
18	Watermelon	<i>Citrullus Lanatus</i> (Thunb.) Mansf.	30,000	NA
19	Jasmine	<i>Jasminum auriculatum</i> . L.	20,000	NA
20	Tuberose	<i>Polianthes tuberosa</i> L.	20,000	NA
21	Papaya	<i>Carica papaya</i> L.	20,000	60,000
22	China Aster	<i>Callistephus chinensis</i> (L.) Nees.	20,000	NA
23	Peach	<i>Prunus persica</i> L.Batsch.	50,000	60,000
24	Japanese	<i>Prunus salicina</i> L.	50,000	60,000

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	Plum			
25	Strawberry	<i>Fragaria x ananasan</i> Duch.	45,000	NA
26	Chilli, Bell Pepper & Paprika	<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.	45,000	NA
27	Finger Millet	<i>Eleusine coracana</i> (L.) Gaertn.	20,000	NA
28	Foxtail Millet	<i>Setaria italica</i> (L.) Beauv	20,000	NA

**Table B. Proposal for Revision of DUS Test Fee and fixing of on-site Test Fee**

S.No.	Crop Species	Crop Name	DUS Test Fee(Rs)	Proposed DUS Test Fee (Rs.)	On Site DUS Test Fees (Rs.)
1	Rice	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	20000	30,000	NA
2	Bread wheat	<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L	20000	-	NA
3	Maize	<i>Zea mays</i> L.	20000	30,000	NA
4	Sorghum	<i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench	20000	25,000	NA
5	Pearl millet	<i>Pennisetum glaucum</i> (L.) R.Br.	20000	30,000	NA
6	Chickpea	<i>Cicer arietinum</i> L.	20000	-	NA
7	Mungbean	<i>Vigna radiata</i> (L.) Wilczek	20000	-	NA
8	Urdbean	<i>Vigna mungo</i> (L.) Hepper	20000	-	NA
9	Fieldpea	<i>Pisum sativum</i> L.	20000	-	NA
10	kidney bean	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	20000	-	NA
11	Lentil	<i>Lens culinaris</i> Medik	20000	-	NA
12	Pigeon pea	<i>Cajanus cajan</i> (L.) Millsp.	20000	-	NA
13	Indian	<i>Brassica</i>	20000	-	NA

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	mustard	<i>juncea</i> L. Czern & Coss			
14	Karan rai	<i>Bracissa carinata</i> A Braun	20000	-	NA
15	Rapeseed (toria)	<i>Brassica rapa</i> L.	20000	-	NA
16	Gobhi sarson	<i>Brassica napus</i> L.	20000	-	NA
17	Groundnut	<i>Arachis hypogaea</i> L.	20000	-	NA
18	Soybean	<i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merrill	20000	-	NA
19	Sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.	20000	30,000	NA
20	Safflower	<i>Carthamus tinctorius</i> L.	20000	-	NA
21	Castor	<i>Ricinus communis</i> L.	20000	-	NA
22	Sesame	<i>Sesamum indicum</i> L.	20000	-	NA
23	Linseed	<i>Linum usitatissimum</i> L.	20000	-	NA
24	Diploid cotton	<i>Gossypium arboreum</i> L.	35000	-	NA
25	Diploid cotton	<i>Gossypium herbaceum</i> L.	35000	-	NA
26	Tetraploid cotton	<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i> L.	35000	45,000	NA
27	Tetraploid cotton	<i>Gossypium barbadense</i> L.	35000	45,000	NA
28	Jute	<i>Corchorus olitorius</i> L.	35000	-	NA
29	Jute	<i>Corchorus capsularis</i> L.	35000	-	NA
30	Sugarcane	<i>Saccharum</i> L.	35000	-	NA
31	Black pepper	<i>Piper nigrum</i> L.	45000	-	60,000
32	Small cardamom	<i>Elettaria cardamomom</i> Maton	45000	-	60,000
33	Turmeric	<i>Curumma</i>	45000	-	NA

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		<i>longa</i> L.			
34	Ginger	<i>Zingiber officinale</i> Rosc.	45000	-	NA
35	Tomato	<i>Lycopersion lycopersicum</i> (L.) Karsten ex. Farw.	40000	-	NA
36	Brinjal	<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.	40000	-	NA
37	Okra	<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i> (L.) Moench.	40000	-	NA
38	Cauliflower	<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L.var. <i>botrytis</i>	40000	-	NA
39	Cabbage	<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var <i>capitata</i>	40000	-	NA
40	Potato	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	48000	-	NA
41	Onion	<i>Allium cepa</i> L.	40000	-	NA
42	Garlic	<i>Allium sativum</i> L.	40000	-	NA
43	Rose	<i>Rosa</i> spp.(other than <i>R.damascena</i> )	45000	-	NA
44	Chrysanthemum	<i>Chrysanthemum</i> spp.	45000	-	NA
45	Mango	<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.	30000	-	60,000
46	Duram wheat	<i>Triticum durum</i> Desf.	20000	-	NA
47	Dicoccum wheat	<i>Triticum dicoccum</i> L.	20000	-	NA
48	Other Triticum species		20000	-	NA
49	Damask Rose	<i>Rosa damascena</i> Mill	45000	-	NA
50	Orchids	<i>Vanda</i>	40000	-	NA

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51	Orchids	<i>Dandrobium</i>	40000	-	NA
52	Orchids	<i>Cymbidium</i>	40000	-	NA
53	Pomegranate	<i>Punica granatum</i> L	50000	-	60,000
54	Orchid	<i>Cattleya</i> Lindl.	50000	-	NA
55	Orchid	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Blume	50000	-	NA
56	Eucalyptus	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> Dehnh.	50000	-	60,000
57	Eucalyptus	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> Sm	50000	-	60,000
58	Casurina	<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i> L	50000	-	60,000
59	Casurina	<i>Casuarina junghuhniana</i> Miq.	50000	-	60,000
60	Bitter Gourd	<i>Momordica charantia</i> L.	50000	-	NA
61	Bottle Gourd	<i>Lagenaria siceraria</i> (Mol.) Standl.	50000	-	NA
62	Cucumber	<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.	50000	-	NA
63	Pumpkin	<i>Cucurbita moschata</i> Duch. ex Poir.	50000	-	NA
64	Barley	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L.	40000	-	NA
65	Coriander	<i>Coriandrum sativum</i> L.	50000	-	NA
66	Fenugreek	<i>Trigonella foenum graecum</i> L.	50000	-	NA
67	Almond	<i>Prunus dulcis</i> (Mill.) D.A. Webb	50000	-	60,000
68	Apple	<i>Malus domestica</i> Bor kh	50000	-	60,000

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69	Pear	<i>Pyrus communis</i> L.	50000	-	60,000
70	Apricot	<i>Prunus armeniaca</i> L.	50000	-	60,000
71	Cherry	<i>Prunus avium</i> L.	50000	-	60,000
72	Walnut	<i>Juglans regia</i> L.	50000	-	60,000
73	Grapes	<i>Vitis</i> spp.	50000	-	60,000
74	Indian jujube (Ber)	<i>Ziziphus mauritiana</i> Lamk.	50000	-	60,000

## Recruitment Rules

### Recruitment Rules for the post of Registrar in the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights Authority

1	Name of Post	<b>Registrar</b>
2	Number of Post	3
3	Classification	Group 'A'
4	Pay Band and Grade Pay/Pay Scale	PB-4 Rs.37400-67000 with Grade Pay of Rs.8700/-
5	Whether Selection Post or non-selection post	Not applicable
6	Age limit for direct recruits	Not applicable
7	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits	Not applicable
8	Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees	Not applicable
9	Period of Probation, if any	Not applicable
10	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods	100% by deputation
11	In case of recruitment by promotion/ deputation / absorption grades from which promotion/ deputation/ absorption to be made	<p><b>Essential:</b></p> <p>(1) <b>Educational Qualification:-</b> Master's degree in Agriculture with specialization in Plant Breeding and Genetics/Genetics/Agricultural Botany/ Seed Science and Technology or Forestry/ Horticulture with specialization in Plant Breeding and Genetics.</p> <p>(2) <b>Experience:-</b> A person having proven managerial, legal or Intellectual Property Rights or Agricultural development experience shall be eligible to hold office of Registrar in the Authority and shall be appointed on deputation for a period of three years, which may be extended annually with the approval of the administrative Ministry and the total period of such deputation including the extended period shall not exceed five years and accordingly Officers under Central or State Governments or Union Territories or PSUs or Universities or Statutory or Autonomous Organisations or Indian Council of Agricultural Research, not exceeding 56 years of age on the closing date of the receipt of the application and possessing the educational qualifications of and the following experience</p> <p>(i) Holding analogous post on regular basis in the parent cadre or department or</p> <p>(ii) With five years service in grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in the scale of pay PB-3 Rs.15600-39100 Grade Pay-7600/- or</p> <p>(iii) With ten years service in grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in the scale of pay PB-3 Rs.15600-39100 Grade Pay-6600/-</p>

		<b>Desirable:</b> Ph. D. with at least three years of research experience in Seed Development Programme/ Intellectual Property Rights and Plant Varietal Improvement activities/ Tree Improvement.	
12	If a Departmental Promotion/ Selection Committee exists what is its composition	Registrar-General of the Authority	Chairman
		Joint Secretary (Seeds) or his nominee	Member
		One outside expert to be nominated by Registrar-General of the Authority	Member
13	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission to be consulted in making recruitment	Not applicable	

## Recruitment Rules for the post of Deputy Registrar in the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority

1	Name of Post	<b>Deputy Registrar</b>	
2	Number of Post	3 (1 at Headquarter) (1 each at Branch Offices at Ranchi & Guwahati)	
3	Classification	Group 'A'	
4	Pay Band and Grade Pay/Pay Scale	PB-3 Rs.15600-39100 with Grade Pay of Rs.6600/-	
5	Whether Selection Post or non-selection post	Not Applicable	
6	Age limit for direct recruits	Not Applicable.	
7	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits	Not applicable.	
8	Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotes	Not applicable	
9	Period of Probation, if any	Not Applicable	
10	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods	100% by deputation	
11	In case of recruitment by promotion/ deputation / absorption grades from which promotion/ deputation/ absorption to be made	<p><b>Essential:-</b>  <b>Educational Qualifications:-</b> Master's degree in Agriculture with specialization in Plant Breeding and Genetics/Genetics/Agricultural Botany/ Seed Science and Technology or forestry/Horticulture with specialization in plant breeding and genetics.  <b>(i) Experience:-</b>  Officers under Central or State Governments or Union Territories or PSUs or Universities or Statutory or Autonomous Organisations or Indian Council of Agricultural Research, not exceeding 56 years of age on the closing date of the receipt of the application and possessing the following experience  (a) Holding analogous post on regular basis in the parent cadre or department or  (b) With five years service in grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in the scale of pay PB-3 Rs.15600-39100 with Grade Pay-5400/- .</p> <p><b>Desirable:</b>  Ph. D. with research experience in Seed Development Programme/ Intellectual Property Rights and Plant Varietal Improvement activities/ Tree Improvement.</p>	
12	If a Departmental Promotion/ Selection Committee exists what is its composition	Registrar General of the Authority	Chairman
		Officer nominated by Joint Secretary (seeds)	Member
		One outside expert not below the rank of Registrar of the Authority to be nominated by Registrar-General	Member
13	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission to be consulted in making recruitment	Not applicable	

## Recruitment Rules for the post of Joint Registrar in the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority

1	Name of Post	Joint Registrar	
2	Number of Post	2	
3	Classification	Group 'A'	
4	Pay Band and Grade Pay/Pay Scale	PB-3 Rs.15600-39100 with Grade Pay of Rs.7600/-	
5	Whether Selection Post or non-selection post	Not applicable.	
6	Age limit for direct recruits	Not applicable	
7	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits	Not applicable	
8	Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees	Not applicable	
9	Period of Probation, if any	Not applicable	
10	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods	(i) 100% by deputation.	
11	In case of recruitment by promotion/ deputation / absorption grades from which promotion/ deputation/ absorption to be made	<p><b>Essential:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Educational Qualifications:-</b> Master's degree in Agriculture with specialization in Plant Breeding and Genetics/Genetics/Agricultural Botany/ Seed Science and Technology or forestry/ Horticulture with specialization in plant breeding and genetics.</p> <p><b>(ii) Experience:- Officers under Central or State Governments or Union Territories or PSUs or Universities or Statutory or Autonomous Organisations or Indian Council of Agricultural Research, not exceeding 56 years of age on the closing date of the receipt of the application and possessing the following experience</b></p> <p>(a) Holding analogous post on regular basis in the parent cadre or department or</p> <p>(b) With five years service in grade rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in the scale of pay PB-3 Rs.15600-39100 with Grade Pay-6600/-</p> <p><b>Desirable:</b> Ph. D. with at least three years of research experience in Seed Development Programme/ Intellectual Property Rights and Plant Varietal Improvement activities/ Tree Improvement.</p>	
12	If a Departmental Promotion/ Selection Committee exists what is its composition	Registrar General of the Authority	Chairman
		Officer nominated by Joint Secretary (seeds)	Member
		One outside expert not below the rank of Registrar of the Authority to be nominated by Registrar-General.	Member
13	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission to be consulted in making recruitment	Not applicable	

## Recruitment Rules for the post of Senior Technical Officer in the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights Authority

1	Name of Post	<b>Senior Technical Officer</b>	
2	Number of Post	5 (3 Headquarters) (1 each at Branch Offices at Ranchi & Guwahati)	
3	Classification	Group 'B'	
4	Pay Band and Grade Pay/Pay Scale	PB-2 Rs.9300-34800 with Grade Pay of Rs.4600/-	
5	Whether Selection Post or non-selection post	Not applicable	
6	Age limit for direct recruits	Not exceeding 30 years Relaxable for SC/ST/OBC/PH as per Govt. of India Instruction	
7	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits	<p><b>Essential:</b></p> <p>(1) <b><u>Educational Qualification:</u></b> - Four year graduation Degree and Post-Graduate Degree in Agricultural Science from a recognized University with specialization in Plant Breeding and Genetics/Genetics/Agricultural Botany/Seed Science and Technology or Forestry/ Horticulture with specialization in Plant Breeding and Genetics.</p> <p>(2) <b><u>Desirable:-</u></b></p> <p>i. Experience in Seed Development Programme and Plant Varietal Improvement activities/breeding/Plant Genetic Resources/ biotechnology in a research institute/reputed organization.</p> <p>ii. Ph.D. in any of the above subjects with research experience in Seed Development Programme / Intellectual Property Rights and Plant Varietal Improvement activities in a research institute / reputed organization.</p>	
8	Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotes	Not applicable	
9	Period of Probation, if any	2 years	
10	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods	100% by direct recruitment	
11	In case of recruitment by promotion/ deputation / absorption grades from which promotion/ deputation/ absorption to be made	Not applicable	
12	If a Departmental Promotion/ Selection Committee exists what is its composition	Registrar General of the Authority	Chairman
		A Registrar of the Authority to be nominated by Registrar-General of the Authority	Member
		One outside expert not below the rank of Registrar of the Authority to be nominated by Registrar-General	Member
13	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission to be consulted in making recruitment	Not applicable	

## Recruitment Rules for the post of Executive Assistant in the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights Authority

1	Name of Post	<b>Executive Assistant</b>	
2	Number of Post	2 (Two)	
3	Classification	Group 'B'	
4	Pay Band and Grade Pay/Pay Scale	PB-2 Rs.9300-34800 with Grade Pay of Rs.4200/-	
5	Whether Selection Post or non-selection post	Not applicable	
6	Age limit for direct recruits	Not exceeding 30 years	
7	Educational and other qualifications required for direct recruits	<b>Essential:</b> (i) A Degree from a recognized University in any discipline. (ii) Proficiency in computer is essential.	
8	Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits will apply in the case of promotees	Not applicable	
9	Period of Probation, if any	2 years	
10	Method of recruitment whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods	<b>By direct recruitment</b>	
11	In case of recruitment by promotion/ deputation / absorption grades from which promotion/ deputation/ absorption to be made	Not applicable	
12	If a Departmental Promotion/ Selection Committee exists what is its composition	The composition of Selection Committee shall be as follows.	
		Registrar-General of the Authority	Chairman
		A Registrar of the Authority to be nominated by Registrar-General of the Authority	Member
		One outside expert not below the rank of Registrar of the Authority to be nominated by Registrar-General	Member
13	Circumstances in which Union Public Service Commission to be consulted in making recruitment	Not applicable	

General Guidelines regarding the registration of EDVs

1. Candidate varieties of EDVs would need to be tested for one year at two locations for the group of traits not affected by the trait of derivation that is, insect resistance under protected and natural conditions along with their respective IVs.
2. For EDV of which IV is in public domain, the variety being considered for registration shall be IV for another variety derived from that variety. Application and prior registration of an IV is a pre-requisite for any variety to be considered of its EDV or otherwise it can be considered as a new/extant variety normally.

The application should contain following-

3. Confirmation of the Event and gene protein expression data.
4. No objection Certificate (NOC) for using the event from the concerned Technology Provider.
5. The comparative data on bio efficacy, agronomic and pest infestation (both under protected and unprotected environments if the transgene imparts resistance to diseases/pest resistance) along with the respective IV as a comparator, generated preferably by the public sector.
6. Comparative photographs of IV and EDV on the same scale and stage showing distinctness between IV and EDV. However, when the derived trait causes an effect that may cascade into major differences between the IV and EDV under natural conditions where the derived trait is expressing, photographs to ascertain their similarity in other traits need to be provided under controlled conditions such that the derived trait expression is not apparent between IV and EDV (in a trial for a trait that is stress resistance related, the trial should be protected from the concerned stress to establish the similarity between IV and EDV as in the case of a disease, pest, abiotic stress resistant EDV derived from a susceptible IV).
7. An affidavit from the applicant that the data submitted by the applicant are correct and reliable.

8. GEAC permission for commercial release of the hybrid/variety.
9. Comparative statement of EDV and IV as per DUS test specific guidelines (under protected and unprotected environments if transgene impart disease/pest resistance).

### Procedure for the Annual Fee and Renewal fee

Under section 35 of PPV&FR Act, 2001 every registered breeder, agent and licensee has to pay Annual fees. The Annual fee is notified in the Gazette of India dated 26.08.2009. Under section 35 if Annual fee is not paid for two consecutive years a forfeiture notice is issued and registration is forfeited if the annual fee due is not paid and the arrears if any is recovered as arrears of land revenue. Under section 35 of the PPV&FR Act 2001, the following procedure is proposed in case of default in payment of Annual fee.

- a. Forfeiture notice will be issued to defaulters (two years consecutive) in payment of Annual fee granting time for payment of annual fee co-terminus with expiry of two year default period.
- b. If still annual fee is not paid registration will be forfeited and National Register will be mutated and the details of forfeiture will be published in PVJ.
- c. An agenda has already been moved to delegate powers to the officer who will take steps for forfeiture in case of default in payment of annual fee.

Under section 24 (6)(iii) of PPV&FR Act, 2001 every registered breeder has to pay Renewal fee (notified in the Second Schedule of PPV&FR Rules, 2003) for the extended period of registration (9 years in case of all crops). The renewal fees has to be paid between four and half to fifth year of registration in case of field crops and seven and half to eighth year of registration in case of trees and vines. The Renewal fee has to be paid in one lump sum. In accordance with section 24 read with Rule 39 the following procedure will be followed:

- i. A Notice will be issued for payment of Renewal fee during 4<sup>th</sup> year of registration in case of field crops and 7<sup>th</sup> year of registration in case of trees and vines.
- ii. On default of payment of Renewal fee, the registered variety will not be renewed. And the registration certificate will be forfeited and mutations will be made in the National Register
- iii. The officer empowered to deal annual fee will deal with renewal fee also.
- iv. The fact of Renewal including period of registration, name and address of right holders will be published in the PVJ. The varieties which have defaulted in payment of renewal fee will also be published in PVJ.