

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

PROTECTION OF PLANT VARIETIES AND FARMERS' RIGHTS AUTHORITY

Plant Authority Bhawan, DPS Marg, Opp. Todapur Village, New Delhi-110 012

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Inviting Proposals for Funding to Conserve Plant Genetic Resources

Applications are invited for funding support from the National Gene Fund for (i) *in-situ* and *ex-situ* conservation of plant genetic resources and (ii) Strengthening the capability of panchayat in carrying out such conservation and sustainable use. The application format along with general guidelines is available on the website of PPVFR Authority, i.e. <https://plantaauthority.gov.in> Duly filled and endorsed application form along with all relevant documents is to be submitted to the following address before the last date:

Deputy Registrar & In-charge (Admin)

**PPVFR Authority, Plant Authority Bhawan, DPS Marg, Opp. Todapur Village,
New Delhi 110 012.**

Last date: 3 months from the date of the Advertisement.

(U.K. Dubey)

Deputy Registrar & In- charge (Admin)

Tel. No. 011-2584153

General Guidelines for Utilization of National Gene Fund for conservation of Plant Genetic Resources

The Protection of Plant Variety and Farmers' Rights Authority has been established by the Central Government under Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act, 2001 to grant Intellectual Property Rights to Plant Breeders, Farmers and Researchers who have developed new and extant plant varieties.

1. The PPVFR Authority provides funding for conservation of plant genetic resources both *in situ* and *ex situ* and for strengthening the capability of panchayat in carrying out such conservation and sustainable use from its National Gene Fund.
2. The following can apply: (a) The Central or State Government organization, (b) Research Institute of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Department of Biotechnology and Department of Science and Technology, (c) State Agricultural Universities, (d) Central Agricultural Universities, (e) The Societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, (f) Registered Trust, Non-Governmental organization and farmers group or organization or Farmers Producer Organisations. (g) Individual Farmers or Farmer group may apply in collaboration with Government research institution or State or Central Agricultural Universities, for funding the operation of Community Seed Banks.
3. The Application form is available on the website of the Authority. It may be downloaded and after obtaining endorsement from the specified authorities as mentioned in the application form, it may be sent to the concerned officer mentioned below well before the last date.
4. The application is to be endorsed by any of the following: (a) Chairperson of the Concerned Panchayat Biodiversity Management Committee, (b) Secretary of the Concerned Panchayat Biodiversity Management Committee, (c) Concerned Block Agricultural Officer, (d) Concerned District Agricultural Officer, (e) Director of Research of Concerned State Agriculture University, (f) Director of the concerned Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute and (g) Concerned District Tribal Development Office
5. The screened applications will be short-listed by a high-level selection cum monitoring committee by following specified criteria.
6. A selected project shall be funded for an initial period of three years extendable upto a maximum period of five years subject to the decision of Committee based on physical and financial progress.
7. The extent of funding shall be decided by the Committee depending on the importance, extent of work involved, number of Farmers Varieties or Land Races

or Local or Traditional Varieties or Crop species to be conserved, reasonable infrastructure and manpower required.

- 8.** The funding for any particular project shall not normally exceed Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Only.
- 9.** The first-year funding shall be released after selection of the proposal followed by signing of a Memorandum of Understanding and issue of sanction.
- 10.** Subsequent year fund release shall depend on satisfactory progress and receipt of Statement of Expenditure and Utilisation Certificate of the previous year.
- 11.** The Memorandum of Understanding to be executed between the applicant and Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority shall contain a clause for recovery of the money released in case of non-execution of the project in a time bound manner.
- 12.** An applicant may be considered for funding a new proposal only after successful completion of the earlier sanctioned project.
- 13.** Due procedure and provisions of the General Financial Rules are to be followed in procurement of goods or services in the project.
- 14.** For strengthening the capability of panchayat, funding to the applicants shall also be provided for conduct of awareness and training programmes in carrying out conservation and sustainable use of Plant Genetic Resources and the same may be mentioned in the application and the extent of funding for such Training and Awareness programmes shall be as per existing guideline of the Authority.
- 15.** The applications received by the Authority on or before the last date shall be considered.
- 16.** The proposal has to be complete with specific objectives, year-wise activity chart with time line, year-wise budget required, manpower and infrastructure needs, justification for the budget required and expected output and outcome.
- 17.** Half-yearly and annual progress reports are to be submitted.
- 18.** The progress shall be monitored by the Committee, annually and, if, found satisfactory, only then future grant shall be released.

APPLICATION FORM

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
PROTECTION OF PLANT VARIETIES & FARMERS' RIGHTS AUTHORITY
PLANT AUTHORITY BHAWAN, DPS MARG, OPP. TODAPUR
NEW DELHI-110012
See rule 2 (2)
APPLICATION FORM

Conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources including in-situ and ex-situ collections and for strengthening the capability of the Panchayat in carrying out such conservation and sustainable use or Operation of Community Seed Banks

Year _____

1.	Name of the applicant (ALL CAPITALS)	
2.	Legal Status of the Applicant Central or State government organisation, Research Institute of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Department of Biotechnology and Department of Science and Technology, State Agricultural Universities, Central Agricultural University, the Societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and registered Trust or Non-Governmental organization and farmers group or organization or Farmers Producer Organisations. Individual farmer or farmer group may apply in collaboration with a Government research institution or State Agricultural Universities or Central Agricultural University. (Copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Registration)	
3.	Details of registration number and year	
4.	Postal address (for correspondence) Panchayat or village Block	

	Post Office District State or Union Territory Pin Telephone (if any) E-mail (if any)	
5.	Whether the applicant is a Woman Farmer or Women Farmers' Organisation or Women Farming Community or Women Self Help Group involved in conservation of Plant Genetic Resources or running Community Seed Bank	
6.	Whether the location of the conservation activities or Community Seed Bank is in remote area which is difficult to access? If yes, give details.	
7.	Number of Farmers Varieties or Land Races or Traditional Varieties or different Crop Species in which conservation efforts or Community Seed Banks are being made.	
8.	Experience of applicant in conservation of Plant Genetic Resources or Operating Community Seed Banks (in years)	
9.	Any prestigious awards or rewards received for conservation of Plant Genetic Resources or Community Seed Bank activities by the applicant.	
10.	Land Area (in acre) under conservation of Plant Genetic Resources or seed production activity authenticated by records	
11.	Copy of extract of entry in People's Biodiversity Register or other entries in any official register.	
12.	Infrastructure already developed or established for conservation or Community Seed Bank activities	
13.	Innovative practices adopted in conservation or maintenance of Community Seed Banks.	
14.	Any grant already received and spent for similar activities from Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority earlier or any other sources supported by Certified Utilisation Certificates.	
15.	Any documentation of the conserved Farmers Varieties or Land Races or Traditional Varieties or different Crop Species and their wild relatives or Community Seed Bank activities as reported in	

	reputed journals and newspapers (List of documents along with copy of front page be provided).	
16.	In case of collaboration projects, the role of the applicant in executing the projects for conservation of Plant Genetic Resources or operating Community Seed Banks.	
17.	Scope of use of the Farmers Varieties or Land Races or Traditional Varieties or Crop Species for development of new variety; a) details to be provided if already used in the past with examples duly certified by appropriate agency. b) If any farmers' variety already registered with Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, the crop variety denomination, year of registration and registration number be provided.	
18.	Number of farmers or farming communities involved in the conservation of Plant Genetic Resources or Community Seed Bank programme.	
19.	Size of the community seed bank, amount of seed or planting material produced or supplied and the number of beneficiary farmers particularly women.	
20.	Any self-sustaining financing model envisioned for future after the project period. (Brief description be provided)	
21.	The extent of funding required and its year-wise break up vis-à-vis activities planned.	
22.	Detailed and complete proposal with specific objectives, year-wise activity chart with time line, year-wise budget required, manpower and infrastructure needs, justification for the budget required and expected output and outcome. (To be attached along with the duly filled application)	
23.	Brief summary of the project (in 100 words)	
24.	Outline of the proposed work plan for utilization of the grant for in-situ or ex-situ conservation of Farmers Varieties or Land Races or Traditional Varieties or Crop Species or operation of Community Seed Banks.	

25.	Details of training or awareness programmes to be provided to panchayats in strengthening their capability to carry out conservation and sustainable use of Plant Genetic Resources.	
26.	Provide name of nearby Krishi Vigyan Kendra or Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institute or State Agriculture University and specify linkages or collaborations, if any.	

All the details stated above are true to the correct of my knowledge and belief.

Name/Signature of Applicant/ Authorised person with seal

Place:

Date:

Note:

1. Please sign each page of the Application Form.
2. For details or information in any column, extra pages can be attached as Annexure.
3. Declaration to be attached.

CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that the applicant named in this application is being conserving Farmers Varieties or Land Races or Traditional Varieties or Crop Species or is operating Community Seed Bank for the benefit of farmers for_____ number of years.

The said activities are carried out within the jurisdiction of the undersigned.

(Name, Designation and Signature with seal)

(To be certified by Chairperson/Secretary of the Concerned Panchayat Biodiversity Management Committee or Concerned Block / District Agricultural Officer or Director of Research of Concerned State Agriculture University or Director of the concerned Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute or Concerned District Tribal Development Office).