To

All Members of the PPV&FR Authority

Subject: Proceedings of the Special meeting of PPV & FRA held on 19.10.2010.

Sir,

Kindly find enclosed the proceedings of the Special meeting of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority held on 19.10.2010 at 10 AM in the Committee Room III, NASC Complex, New Delhi for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. A.K. Malhotra)

Encl: As above

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Proceedings of Special Meeting of PPV&FR Authority held on 19th October, 2010 at Committee Room No. III, N.A.S.C. Complex New Delhi.

As per provision of Rule 16 (2) of PPV&FR Rule 2003 the following five members of the Authority had requested in writing to convene the Special Meeting of the Authority for adoption of audit report of the Authority for financial year 2009-10.

1. Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Agricultural Commissioner, DoAC.
2. Dr. Gorakh Singh, Horticultural Commissioner, DoAC.
3. Dr. D.C. Bhandari, Director, NBPGR.
4. Mr. Raju Barwale, Managing Director, MAHYCO.
5. Mr. P. Narayanan Unny, Farmers' Representative.

Accordingly, a Special Meeting of the PPV&FR Authority was held on 19th October, 2010 in the Committee Room No. III NASC Complex, New Delhi.

Following members were present in the meeting:-

1. Dr. S. Natesh, Senior Advisor, DBT, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
2. Dr. Gorakh Singh, Horticulture Commissioner, DoAC, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
3. Shri Satish Chandra, Joint Secretary & Legal Advisor, Department of Legal Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
4. Dr. D.C. Bhandari, Director, NBPGR. New Delhi.
5. Shri Raju Barwale, Managing Director, Mahyco, Mumbai.
6. Mr. P. Narayanan Unny, Farmers' Representative, Kerala.
7. Dr. A.K. Malhotra IFS, Registrar General, PPV&FR Authority, Member Secretary, New Delhi.

Following members could not attend the meeting:-

1. Smt. Upma Choudhary, Joint Secretary (Seeds), DoAC, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
2. Joint Secretary (dealing with Biosafety) MoEF, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
3. Dr. S. N. Puri, Vice Chancellor, Central Agriculture University, Manipur.
4. Dr. Swapan Kumar Dulta, DDG (CS), Division of Crop Science, ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Shri A.C. Zonunmawia, Coordinator & Chairman, Centre for Environment Protection, Aizwal.
6. Smt. Rachel Chatterjee, Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of A.P.
7. Dr. Vanaja Ramprasad, Managing Trustee, Green Foundation (Women Representative), Karnataka.
8. Sh. Roshan Lal, IAS, Finance Commissioner & Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, New Haryana Secretariat Building, Room-430, 4th floor, Sector-17, Chandigarh- 160017.
Following non voting officials from the Authority were present:-

1. Sh. R. K. Trivedi, Registrar (FC), PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi.
2. Dr. Manoj Srivastava, Registrar (Horticulture), PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi.
3. Dr. P.K. Singh, Registrar (Farmers' Rights) PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi.

Since Dr. S. Nagarajan ex-Chairperson of the Authority after completion of his tenure had retired on 13th Oct, 2010 and Dr. P.L. Gautam presently Chairman of NBA who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of PPV&FRA has not joined his duties in the Authority so far, therefore, in the absence of a regular Chairperson to conduct the proceedings of the meeting as per provision of Section 4 (3) of PPV&FRA Act 2001 read with rule 16 (4) of PPV&FRA Rule 2003, all the members present unanimously decided for Dr. Gorakh Singh, Horticulture Commissioner, DoAC to preside over the Special Meeting.

Thereafter, the presiding officer Dr. Gorakh Singh on confirming from the Registrar General that the required quorum to conduct the meeting was complete welcomed the members and requested the Registrar General who is the Member Secretary to take up the agenda of the meeting.

The Registrar General informed that this Special Meeting has been called on the request of five members of the PPV&FR Authority to adopt the audit report pertaining to the annual accounts of the Authority certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the financial year 2009-10. He also mentioned that as per Section 62 (4) of PPV&FR Act 2001, the audited account of the Authority as certified by CAG together with audit report are required to be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture which shall cause the same to be laid before both the Houses of the Parliament.
Agenda Item no. 1:- Adoption of Annual Accounts for the financial year 2009-10, certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

The audit report on the financial statement for the year 2009-10 of the Authority submitted by the CAG was placed before the Authority members for adoption. The auditors have not mentioned any qualification in the accounts and noted that the financial statements read together with the accounting policies and notes on account give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India.

The members discussed each point of the report and expressed satisfaction that the audit report contains no adverse remark on annual account of the Authority. However, the members desired that some deficiencies concerning maintenance of various registers which have been brought to the notice by CAG should be properly rectified by maintaining and updating all relevant registers by the office of the Authority. It was assured that necessary action in this regard will be taken expeditiously.

The Authority adopted the audit report submitted by the CAG. This along with the financial account for the year 2009-10 shall be forwarded to the DoAC for laying before the Parliament.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the presiding officer and members of the Authority.