

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Fee Return Form held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 in  
the Committee of PPV&FR Authority**

**The following officials were present:**

1. Dr. R.C. Agrawal, Registrar General, PPV&FRA Chairman
2. Dr. Manoj Srivastava, Registrar-I, PPV&FRA
3. Dr. Ravi Prakash, Registrar-III, PPV&FRA
4. Sh. D.S. Mishra, Joint Registrar-II, PPV&FRA.
5. Sh. D.S. Raj Ganesh, Legal Advisor, PPV&FRA
6. Sh. Rabi Raman Pradhan, Legal Advisor, PPV&FRA
7. Sh. T.D. Tiwari, Consultant, Finance, PPV&FRA

**Invited Participants:**

1. Dr. Vipra Verma, NSAI

At the outset the chairman gave welcome address and stated that an agenda will be placed before the Authority in the ensuing meeting for making gross profit as the base for computation of annual fee and after the approval of the Authority the same will be forwarded to the Nodal Ministry for notification in the Official Gazette. Accordingly, there is a need to revise the existing annual fee return form which will be published in the Plant Variety Journal with the approval of the Authority after the Gazette Notification of the proposed annual fee.

Sh. Raj Ganesh, LA-I circulated the draft annual fee return form and requested the members to give their valuable comments. Dr. Vipra Verma, NSAI stated that instead of Seed in Stock as on 31<sup>st</sup> March it should be replaced as Seed in Stock as on 1<sup>st</sup> April of preceding year and instead of Seeds produced it should be modified as seeds

received. The members readily agreed to the suggestion and Chairman clarified that column No.3 of draft annual fee return form would be re-modified as "Seeds received/ produced". Chairman further stated that the name and address of the registered breeder/ licensee and agent and provision of law should be mentioned in the annual fee return form. Sh. Tiwari, Expert (Finance) commented that the financial year must be inserted in the Form and Dr. Ravi Prakash, Registrar-III suggested that the welfare of the farmers must be taken into account in framing the annual fee return form. Dr. Manoj Srivastava, Registrar suggested that there should be no fixed element of annual fee more particularly such as Rs.2,000/- for extant varieties. He suggested that Section 35 of PPV&FR Act, 2001 provides that annual fee should be computed on the basis of benefit or royalty gained by the breeder and accordingly there cannot be a fixed element in annual fee. Chairman stated that this is an important issue to be examined and it will be examined in a separate internal meeting. Further members suggested that for farmers and individual breeders the form need not be certified by Chartered Accountant and the declaration should be modified to include that it is based on records. Chairman suggested that date and place must be included and a column for official purpose must be included. He also stated that provision and column for official use must be included and further note to registered breeders must also be included.

The members unanimously agreed for the same. Sh. Raj Ganesh, LA-I stated that the draft form would be revised as per suggestions and would be circulated along with the minutes and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.