

ANNUAL

GENERAL MEETING - 2014

– *Compendium*



OFFICE BEARERS 2013-15

President	Vice President	General Secretary	Treasurer
Mr. M. Prabhakar Rao (Nuziveedu Seeds)	Mr. M.G. Shembekar (Ankur Seeds Pvt. Ltd.)	Mr. Bhupen Dubey (UPL Advana Ltd.)	Dr. K.S.Narayanaswamy (GEO Biotechnologies)

NSAI Governing Council 2013-15

Immediate Past President Dr. K.V. Subbarao (PHI Seeds Ltd.)	Mr. Girdhar D. Patel (Narmada Sagar Agri Seeds Pvt. Ltd.)
Dr. D.B. Desai (Navbharat Seeds Pvt. Ltd.)	Dr. P. Sateesh Kumar (Prabhat Agri Biotech Pvt. Ltd.)
Mr. Pawan Kumar Kansal (Kohinoor Seeds Pvt. Ltd.)	Dr. Manish Patel (Incotec India Pvt. Ltd.)
Mr. Venkateshwarlu Yaaganti (Yaaganti Seeds Pvt. Ltd.)	Mr. Satish Kagliwal (Nath Biogene Pvt. Ltd.)
Mr. N.P. Patel (Western Agri Seeds Pvt. Ltd.)	Mr. Rajendran Ramasami (Rasi Seeds Pvt. Ltd.)
Mr. A.S.N. Reddy (Seed Works India Pvt. Ltd.)	Mr. V.K Gaur (National Seed Corporation)
Mr. K. Niranjana Kumar (GARC Seeds Pvt. Ltd.)	

NSAI Secretariat

Dr. Kalyan Goswami Executive Director	Ms. Vipra Verma Assistant Director
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Message from the Desk of the President

Dear Members,

As we complete another year of our journey, I look back with much satisfaction at the progress made by NSAI in reaching out to various stakeholders. NSAI has truly emerged as the apex body representing the seed industry in the country. Its recognition by the government bodies, be it in the states or at the centre, to champion the concerns of the sector and find mutual solutions, speaks of the credibility and the respect. This has come about due to the concerted participatory efforts of all members. We appreciate your confidence in the Governing Council and the initiatives taken by us to enhance the industry growth and its image. During the year, we were able to move forward on certain issues, but new challenges have emerged, which will need attention in the next year.

Our continuous engagement with the government has earned us representation in several decision making bodies, which helps us to leverage our efforts in seeking an enabling environment for the industry's growth. Many international seed industry bodies are discussing with us possible areas of mutual cooperation and collaboration, which I am sure, will contribute to promotion of Indian seed industry.

The Indian Seed Congress has become a much awaited event in the annual calendar of national seed / agriculture related meetings and is also attracting improved foreign participation, which is contributing to improved business development. We congratulate the National Organising Committee of the Fifth Indian Seed Congress 2014 for putting together a well structured and technically strong programme, which received much appreciation from all the corners.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the NSAI members, my colleagues in the Governing Council, particularly the office bearers and the staff of the NSAI Secretariat for the support provided to me, which helped us to live up to your expectations

M Prabhakar Rao



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8th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

September 13, 2014

Hyderabad International Convention centre (HICC) Hyderabad
(02:30 – 05:30 pm)

AGENDA:

1. Welcome Address from the Secretariat
2. Pronouncement of Quorum
3. Confirmation of the minutes of 7th
4. Presentation of General Secretary's Report
5. Presentation of the Statement of Accounts & Auditor's Report
6. Appointment of the Auditor for 2014-15
7. Release of NSAI Publication (Members' Directory & Seed Times)
8. Extending NSAI membership for Foreign/International organization.
9. Address by the President of NSAI
10. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair
11. Vote of Thanks



AGENDA NOTES:

1. Welcome Address from the Secretariat

Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Executive Director, NSAI shall deliver the inaugural speech for the event welcoming our valuable members and thanking Office Bearers & Governing Council.

2. Pronouncement of Quorum

As per rules and regulations governing the conduct of National Seed Association of India (NSAI), a minimum quorum of 10% of the Ordinary Members is mandatory to start the proceedings of Annual General Meeting of NSAI. We have as on date 245 ordinary members of NSAI and hence we need minimum 25 Ordinary Members for requisite quorum for the conduct of A.G.M.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of 7th AGM (31st July, 2013)

Minutes of 7th Annual General Meeting held on 31 July, 2014 were taken up for confirmation and approval by General Body unanimously.

4. Presentation of General Secretary's Report

General Secretary, Shri. Bhupen Dubey shall present the Annual Report of NSAI for the year 2013-14, highlighting the various achievements of NSAI before the General Body.

5. Presentation of the Statement of Accounts & Auditor's Report

Shri. K.R. Narayanaswamy, Treasurer, NSAI shall present the highlights of financial statement of accounts and Auditor's Report before the General Body for its approval.

6. Appointment of the Auditor for 2014-15

Auditor for 2014-15 shall be finalized and approved by the General Body.

7. Release of NSAI Publication (Members' Directory & Seed Times)

2nd Edition of NSAI Seed Directory and 1st Edition of NSAI New Letter shall be launched and shall continue annually and monthly respectively to serve as the communication vehicle between association and its members.

8. Extending NSAI membership for Foreign/International organization

Dr. Kalyan Goswami, ED, NSAI shall propose the idea of extending its membership to Foreign/International organization before the General Body.

9. Address by the President of NSAI

Mr. M. Prabhakar Rao, President, NSAI shall grace the occasion with his closing speech.

10. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

11. Vote of Thanks

Dr. Kalyan Goswami shall extend Vote of Thanks to the Members for their constant support

National Seed Association of India

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2013

The **Seventh Annual General Meeting** of the **National Seed Association of India** (NSAI) was convened on Wednesday 31 July 2013 at NASC Complex, Pusa Campus, New Delhi. The AGM was chaired by NSAI President, Dr.K.V. Subbarao. A large number of NSAI member companies participated in the AGM.



The AGM began with a warm welcome by the President, Dr. Subbarao. He thanked all the members for providing continued support to the Association for carrying out various activities. The huge turnout of the members at the AGM also reflected the interest the members take in the activities of NSAI. Based on the quorum present, he declared the Seventh AGM of NSAI open.



The minutes of the Sixth AGM held on 4th August 2012 at Goa and the EGM (9 February 2013), circulated earlier among the members were put up for discussions and adoption. As no comments were received earlier, the minutes were approved. It was however, pointed out by a member that the last AGM had discussed the issue of proxy voting at NSAI Elections, which needs to be discussed and sorted out.

A 'Report' on the activities of the Association during 2012-13 (since AGM 2012) was presented. Dr. P. Sateesh Kumar (a GC Member) read out the report in the absence of the General Secretary Mr. M. Harish Reddy, who could not be present. The increase in NSAI membership, improved communication instruments (magazine, website, daily / weekly mailers, etc.), highly visible recognition of NSAI as a true representative of the Indian seed industry and the success of the Fourth Indian Seed Congress, were highlighted. The 'Report' was adopted after some discussion, where the members present appreciated the growth of the Association.



Dr. K.S. Narayanaswamy, the Treasurer then briefly presented his report, highlighting the significant aspects of the annual statement of accounts which was shared with the members before hand. After some discussions and seeking of clarity on certain items, the audited 'Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report' were accepted and approved. The GB also approved continuation of the services of the present auditor for one more year.



The AGM appreciated the continued efforts of NSAI at knowledge dissemination through very informative and useful publications. The NSAI Quarterly Magazine (Seed Times) came in for much appreciation for the content quality and advanced information. The January – June issue of *Seed Times* was then released to the members by the former NSAI President, Dr. M. Ramasami. A book on '*Seed Quality Assurance*' (authored by Malavika Dadlani, Vilas Tonapi, S.Rajendra Prasad & M. Bhaskaran) published by NSAI was also released at the AGM by the President, Dr. Subbarao.





As this was the last AGM for the current Governing Council (GC), the members of GC present at the AGM were honoured with mementoes, before the President addressed the AGM. Dr. Subbarao thanked all the members for their support in addressing of the issues, both at the state and national level. He also appreciated the strides the Association has made in the last couple of years through very effective national and international networking, which has helped improve NSAI's image in the national agriculture domain and global seed sector. He felt that the Indian seed sector has grown despite various challenges. While the Association has been able to address and resolve some issues constraining the growth of the sector, a few issues like harmonization of seed legislations across the states and those related to IPR, particularly falling under the domain of National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), were affecting the growth. He was however, confident that based on the progress in relationship building with Protection of Plant Varieties' & Farmers' Rights Authority (PPV&FRA) and NBA, we should be able to overcome the hurdles. As he was laying down the office after this meeting, he thanked the members present profusely for the support extended to his Team in GC.

The major attraction of this year's AGM, the **NSAI Elections 2013**, to choose the members to the GC for 2013-2015 were then conducted. Mr. Pawan Kansal (a GC Member), a Member of the NSAI Election Committee then read out the process and other details about the elections (in the absence of the Election Committee Chairman, Mr. V.K. Gaur). The house was informed that a total of sixteen members filed their nominations, but on scrutiny of papers, one nomination was rejected. Of the 15 valid candidates, five candidates withdrew from the election process (in time and before the polling). The ten valid candidates addressed the AGM and sought votes for their candidature from the members present. The polling process was supervised by the Election Committee (Mr. Pawan Kansal; Mr. Bhupen Dubey; Mr. R.K. Sinha & Dr. Seetharama) and based on the votes obtained, Mr. M. Prabhakar Rao (NSL Group); Mr. M.G. Shembekar (Ankur); Mr. N.P. Patel (Western Agri); Mr. A.S.N. Reddy (Seedworks); Mr. K. Niranjana Kumar (GARC Seeds) and Mr. GirdharBhai Patel (Narmada Seeds) were elected to fill in the vacancies created by the retirement of members Dr. Subbarao; Mr. Harish Reddy; Mr. N.P. Patel (re-elected); Mr. M. Sabir; Dr. Gyanendra Shukla and Mr. K. Niranjana Kumar (re-elected).

These elected members along with the GC members who are continuing, met subsequently to formally constitute the new GC and also elect the office bearers. Based on this, the following Governing Council for 2013-15 was constituted at the AGM:

President: Mr. M. Prabhakar Rao

Vice President: Mr. M.G. Shembekar

General Secretary: Mr. Bhupen Dubey

Treasurer: Dr. K.S. Narayanaswamy

Immediate Past President: Dr. K.V. Subbarao

Members: Dr. D.B. Desai

Mr. Pawan Kumar Kansal

Mr. N. P. Patel

Mr. A.S.N. Reddy

Mr. K. Niranjana Kumar

Mr. Y. Venkateswarlu

Mr. GirdharBhai Patel

Dr. Manish Patel

Dr. P. Sateesh Kumar



The new President Mr. Prabhakar Rao then addressed the AGM. While thanking the electorate for imposing the confidence among the members elected and thanking the GC for electing him as the President, Mr. Rao appealed to all members for their continued support for various NSAI activities. He was confident that with the enthusiasm and interest of all the members, the Association will be able to move forward in its endeavor and meet the expectations of its members.



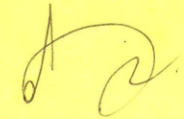
The AGM ended with a formal motion of thanks proposed by Director, Dr. N.K. Dadlani. The AGM was followed by a **dinner**.




RESOLUTION NO. NSAI/2013/2

Resolved that the Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report for the year 2012-13 has been accepted and approved by the General Body unanimously.

Proposed By: Dr P. Sateesh Kumar




Seconded By: Rakesh K. Chopra



RESOLUTION NO. NSAI/2013/1

Resolved that the Annual Report for the year 2012-13 are accepted and approved by the General Body unanimously.

Proposed By: ~~Sachin Bhatnagar~~, Dr. D. B. Desai 

Seconded By: Dr. P. K. Agrawal. 

RESOLUTION No NSAI/ 2013 /3

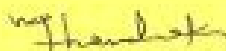
Resolved unanimously that the existing Statutory Auditors of NSAI M/s A.K.Gupta & Associates , New Delhi be reappointed for the year 2013-14 at a remuneration of Rs.20, 000 Per annum.

Proposed By: Sachin Bhatnagar 

Seconded By: Rakesh K. Chopra 

Motion No. NSAI/2013/1.

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th August 2012 at Goa are confirmed and approved by the General Body unanimously.


Proposed By: ~~Mr. M. G. Shembekar~~ Mr. M. G. Shembekar: 

Seconded By: Mr. Pawan Kansal:

Motion No. NSAI/2013/2.

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 9th February, 2013 at New Delhi are confirmed and approved by the General Body unanimously.

Proposed By: ~~Mr. Rakesh K. Chopra~~ Mr. Rakesh K. Chopra: 

Seconded By: Mr. K. Naranjan Kumar: 

NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION OF INDIA ANNUAL REPORT (August 2013 – July 2014)

National Seed Association of India (NSAI), as the apex body representing the industry of the world's fifth largest seed economy, continued its leadership role by engaging with the national and state governments for pursuing its main agenda of working towards providing an enabling and favourable policy environment for the growth of the industry. The continued patronage of its members encouraged NSAI to work harder for ensuring an inclusive growth for all stakeholders. The enhanced effectiveness was visible in the various engagements with the policy makers, who not only appreciated the role of NSAI, but also respected the views / opinions expressed in various meetings. NSAI continues to be invited to nominate its representatives to various decision making bodies, as well as, as resource persons / speakers at leading scientific meetings related to agriculture development. Indian Seed Congress, the flagship event of NSAI, is now a much awaited event in the seed industry calendar, due to the rich scientific content of the Conference and the business generation in the B2B sessions. The visibility for NSAI has grown over the years and the request for our logo to be displayed at various agri- exhibitions and conferences is increasing.



Management

The Governing Council reconstituted after the Elections in 2013, continued for the second year of its term, under the dynamic leadership of the President, Shri M Prabhakar Rao. The GC met on seven occasions during the period since last Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 19 August 2013 (Delhi); 19 October 2013 (Hyderabad); 21 December 2013 (Gandhinagar); 17 February 2014 (Gandhinagar); 3 May 2014 (Delhi); 21 June 2014 (Hyderabad) and 16 August 2014 (Teleconferencing). During these meetings, the GC reviewed the progress of various activities and initiatives, and planned future programmes. The GC however, had regular interactions among members through Emails and Conference Calls to attend to various urgent businesses which needed attention.

NSAI continues to be patronized by the major seed sector players and requests for our membership is increasing. The total number of NSAI members as on 31st August 2014, were 309 (Ordinary: 245; Associate: 53; Association: 6; and Public Sector: 5) members have renewed their membership. During the period of report, 8 new members are under process of approval by the Membership Committee

Communication

- i. **The NSAI magazine 'Seed Times'**, our main vehicle for communicating new knowledge and reports on NSAI and other events, etc. continues to receive appreciation and accolades for its informative content and production quality. We continue with our theme based content in every issue. During the period under report, we have published one issue of the magazine. The July-December 2013 (Vol. 6 No.3 & 4) issue had the focus on 'Climate Smart Agriculture'. While the new volume (Vol. 7) comprising "Indo-African Business Opportunities" shall be published for this quarter and launched immediately after the Annual General Meeting.
- ii. **NSAI Website:** NSAI website has been re launched with a new face to make it more dynamic and user friendly. Now, it will be more interactive and a reservoir of information related to the seed sector. The 'What's New @ NSAI/Discussion Forum'; 'NSAI e Library'; copies of presentations about seed sector by NSAI and others; video gallery; copies of various reports and lectures; information on upcoming national and international events of importance for the seed industry; proceedings of meetings of important committees like GEAC, CLCuD Virus; etc. brings to our website users a lot of relevant information. The website has been receiving more than 2500 hits every month and about 70 percent hits are repeated (bounce back hits).

- iii. **NSAI News Mailers:** We have continued our national and international news and information sharing with members and a host of other stakeholders through our daily mailer "NSAI NEWS TODAY" and the 'WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE'. The Design for they weekly mailer was improved and made more colorful. We continue to receive appreciation for the content, which is more relevant and useful to our readers.

Events:

- i. **Indian Seed Congress – 2014:** The Fifth Indian Seed Congress 2014 was convened at **Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar (Gujarat)** on 18-19 February 2014. Nearly 800 delegates representing en countries participated in the Congress which was inaugurated by the Chancellor of the Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, Mr. Yoginder K Alagh. The Congress programme was structured to include four technical sessions; an exhibition participated by more than 60 companies and a business development platform.
- i. **CEO Conclave:** A 'CEO Conclave' was organized as a Pre Congress event on 17th February 2014.
- ii. **Discussion Forums:** A discussion forum on "Seed Bill 2004" and "The Biotechnology Regulatory Authority of India Bill, 20113" was organized in Hyderabad to facilitate communication and detailed discussion among our members on two of the most significant issues of Seed Industry.
- iii. **Tie-up with NIESBUD:** A MoU has been signed with NIESBUD (Ministry of Small & Medium Enterprises) for consultation on training expertise and training facilities.









INDUSTRY ISSUES

NSAI organized a few 'Industry Consultation Meetings', besides consultations on Email and Con calls, to work out the industry stand on the following issues:

- i. **NBA-ABS Guidelines:** NSAI developed its comments on the 'Draft Guidelines for Access and Benefit Sharing' developed by National Biodiversity Authority which are more or less excepted. The correspondence which Association has presented has been debated in high level at the Ministry and the position is being strongly considered.
- ii. **CLCUD Virus:** With the constant effort of NSAI and spate of meetings, Ministry of Agriculture has approved 38 hybrids and renewed their sale license. The issue related to release of new hybrids and event based approval are being continuously discussed with MoA including officers of DAC, Scientist of ICAR/institutions/SAUs and representatives of State Department and it has been concluded that NSAI shall ensure that the member companies submit the seeds of their hybrid approved by GEAC. An 'AICCIP Consortium Team' comprising of two members from NSAI, one representative each from CICR, SAU of the state involved and from the State Department of Agriculture has been formed to ensure that field trials are held in time and smoothly.
- iii. **IPR Base Paper:** NSAI is in process of developing its IPR base paper in consultation with senior industry people.
- iv. **OECD:** NSAI is pushing India to become a full-fledged member of OECD for the certification of seed moving in international trade. A base paper has been put together by NSAI for better consultation and understanding.
- v. **Biosafety:** NSAI attended the Second meeting of the National Steering Committee (NSC) to oversee "Implementation of Phase II Capacity Building Project on Biosafety". The project is being funded by Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- vi. **Jharkhand Subsidy Issue:** Issues related to delay in payment of subsidy faced by 24 seed companies was resolved meeting with Secretary, State Government.
- vii. **LMO:** NSAI developed its input for preparing guidance document on risk assessment of Living Modified Organism.
- viii. **Focus on Vegetable Seeds:** Strategies and way forward: Efforts are being put in to include seed under Visesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY) (Special Agriculture and Village Industry Scheme). DGFT has been approached and constant follow up are being done in this regard.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

- I **USAID:** NSAI has partnered with USAID for the 'India Partnerships Program' in collaboration with Indian private sector organization, CSR organizations, NGOs, Institutions, Associations, Foundations Etc. This program aims to address global development challenges through partnerships driven by the private sector to ensure long-term economic sustainability through market-based solutions and sustainable Agriculture & Food security through Introduction/ Promotion of High quality seed in the target country.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

NSAI used the Indian Seed Congress 2014 platform to recognize and honour of its senior industry leaders namely Dr. D.B. Desai, Mr. Bhupen Dubey for their significant contributions to the growth of the Indian Seed Industry



