



Interface Meeting Between Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority (PPVFRA) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)



An interface meeting between PPVFRA and ICAR was held on 21st July, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Board Room, International Guest House (IGH), NASC, New Delhi. Dr. H. Pathak, DG, ICAR was present along with his colleagues Dr. T.R. Sharma, DDG (CS), Dr. D.K. Yadav, ADG (Seeds), Dr. V.B. Patel, ADG



(Horticulture), and Dr. S. Ghosh, ADG (Marine Fisheries). Dr. T. Mohapatra, Dr. D.K. Agrawal, and others attended the meeting from PPVFRA. Dr. Mohapatra in his opening remarks appreciated the ICAR's involvement in developing DUS test guidelines and conducting DUS tests. He also highlighted the role of IIHR in benefit sharing in case of jackfruit variety siddu. Dr. Pathak provided his critical inputs and assured that all possible actions will be taken in a time bound manner. He suggested that such meetings should be held at regular intervals in order to strengthen the collaboration and enhance efficiency. Dr. D.K. Agrawal, made a presentation on the following agenda items:

- i) Payment of annual/renewal fee for varieties registered by ICAR
- ii) Registration of extant notified varieties
- iii) Integration of VCU and DUS testing
- iv) Registration of agent and licensee of ICAR
- v) Facilitating benefit sharing among farmers
- vi) Facilitation of registration of farmers' varieties
- vii) Establishment of community seeds bank

Discussion was held on each of the above agenda items and appropriate decisions were taken. It was agreed to have such interface meetings between ICAR & PPVFRA once in every six months. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to one and all present.

