



Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of India)

The PPV&FRA is an autonomous, statutory organization established by Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001. The main objectives of the Act are (i) to establish an effective system for protection of plant varieties, the rights of farmers and plant breeders and to encourage the development of new varieties of plant, (ii) to recognize and protect the rights of the farmers for agro-biodiversity conservation and (iii) to facilitate the growth of seed industry in the country to ensure the availability of high quality seeds and plant material to the farmers. In order to perform various statutory objectives as above, the PPV&FRA seeks project proposal(s) from State Agricultural Universities/ICAR institutes/other research organizations/Govt Departments/recognized NGOs seeking financial support under competitive mode (total duration up to 3 years or less) for the subjects mentioned below. Institutes/organizations can also submit projects in a network mode.

Illustrative list of subject area(s) for the consideration of the Project Proposals

1. Documentation, indexing and cataloguing of farmers' varieties.
2. Maintenance of reference/example varieties, germplasm, genetic stocks and farmers' varieties of different crops taken up/to be taken up for registration by PPV&FRA.
3. Procedures for special characteristics for DUS testing in notified crop species and development of Referral Facilities.
4. Training/Awareness of PPV&FR Act, 2001.
5. Access to benefit sharing case study, documentations.
6. *In situ* and *ex situ* conservation of agro-biodiversity, development/maintenance of live repository, Community Gene Bank, etc.
7. Acceptable criteria for registration of Farmers' varieties.
8. Interrelationship between PPV&FR Act and IPR and legal issues related to Farmers' Rights & encouragement of trade.
9. Documentation of varieties in public domain, varieties of common knowledge, farmer's varieties.
10. Documenting the plant breeding related biodiversity efforts of tribal community/rural communities/farming community, etc. in the 22 Agro-biodiversity Hot-spots.
11. Impact study of PVP system at national and global level (study may include impact on seed industry, seed market, seed availability and other related issues).
12. Comparative studies on International Seed and Plant Variety Protection laws vis-a-vis PPV&FR Act, 2001.
13. Farmer led innovation in seed storage, selection, purification of planting material/variety.
14. Development of compulsory cataloguing for all varieties of crops specified by the Authority.

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