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About ACFI

Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) is a Policy organization representing manufacturers & importers of technical and formulation agrochemicals on a national scale. Our aim is to achieve Sustainability in the Agriculture sector for the overall benefit of the Agro-based Industry and to provide quality Agri inputs to the farming community at affordable prices. We are committed towards promoting the safe & judicious use of Agrochemicals and new technologies & products which are eco-friendly. To achieve the same we have partnered with many Academic Institutions, Farmer Associations, Associated Government & Non-Government Departments, etc.

Chairman's Message



I take this opportunity to thank you for your overwhelming support to me and ACFI since last 2 years in my Chairmanship. Without acceding to the individual interest of member companies, ACFI has gradually established itself as a true platform for policy intervention both at national and state levels and has become a vocal flag-bearer for the entire Indian Crop Protection Chemical Industry in a transparent, democratic, inclusive, and proactive manner.

We also thank all our esteemed members for assisting and guiding our association through various policy interventions and our other initiatives such as educating farmers and improving the image of the pesticide industry through our flagship program “Jago Kisan Jago”.

We hope to maintain the same relationship and look forward to getting your support to continue to make efforts with the same zeal to take ACFI to further heights in the days ahead.

Parikshit Mundhra
Chairman, ACFI

General Secretary's Message



Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) has gradually established itself as a true platform for policy interventions and a vocal flag-waver for the entire Indian Agro Chemical Industry. As an industry body, we are keen to facilitate the Agro Chemical industry, be it on the policy front or other various initiatives for the overall benefit of the industry and farming community.

We strongly reiterate our commitment to society as ever, dedicated towards promoting the safe and judicious use of Agrochemicals as we work towards sustainability of Indian Agriculture to help provide quality Agri inputs at affordable prices. We have taken up the awareness campaign among the farmers for purchasing genuine Crop Protection Chemical against invoice , safe use in the field and disposal of used containers to remain environment friendly.

We appreciate our members, non-members, government officials and other stakeholders in the agriculture fraternity for their patronage and relentless support which have made ACFI a leading platform within a short span of 6 years.

Abhijit Bose
General Secretary, ACFI

Director General's Message



We appreciate our members, non-members, and other stakeholders for supporting ACFI in our policy endeavors. We also appreciate CCFI, CLI, PMFAI, CII, and FICCI for joint working with us on many Policy interventions.

We have engaged ourselves with Academic Institutions, Farmer Associations, Associated Government and non-government Departments, to achieve Sustainability in Agriculture for the overall benefit of the Agro-based Industry. We are also actively working towards the advancement of the Agriculture sector, keeping up with Government policies, policy interventions, Registration Committee meetings, etc.

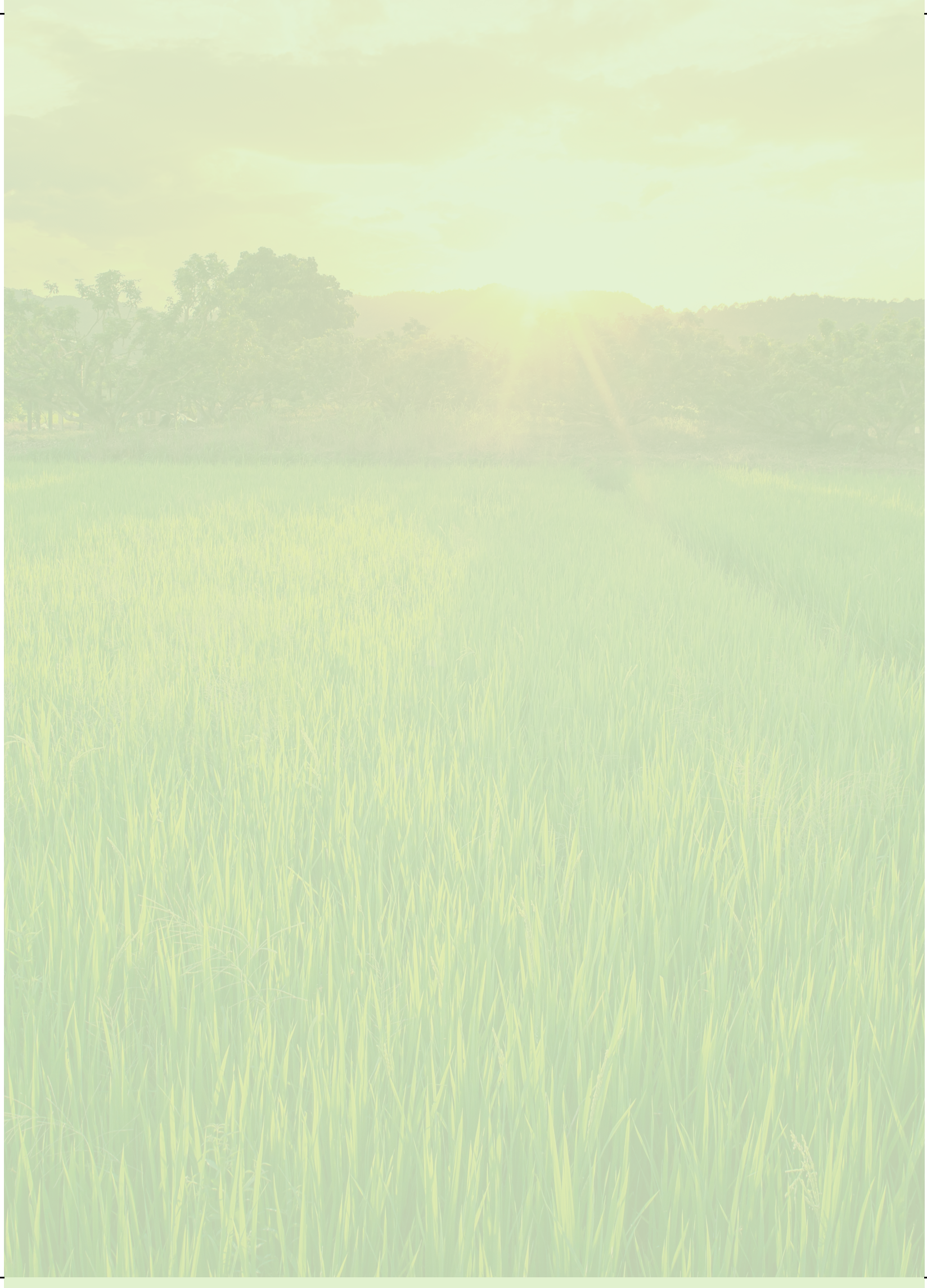
Last year, we have started the stewardship program “Jago Kisan Jago” to educate and aware the farmers about the good practices while buying storing and using crop protection chemicals. We ran the campaign in 2000 villages in Haryana, Maharashtra and Telangana. Now we shall organize such awareness campaign in other states as well.

On behalf of ACFI, I would like to extend our regards to all our Members for their overwhelming support. We are delighted to work closely with you and hope to have your continued support and cooperation as ever.

Dr. Kalyan Goswami
Director General, ACFI

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Governing Council



Parikshit Mundhra
Chairman



Dr. Suresh Ramachandran
Vice Chairman



Abhijit Bose
General Secretary



RD Kapoor
Joint Secretary



Sanjay Aggarwal
Treasurer



RG Agarwal
Member



Atul Churiwal
Member



Keshav Anand
Member



Bhavesh Shah
Member



Ankur Aggarwal
Member



GK Venugopal
Member



Dr. KN Singh
Member



Amit Taparia
Member



NK Aggarwal
Ex- Officio Member

Technical & Regulatory Committee

- **Jitendra Mohan, Willowood Chemicals Ltd. (Chairman)**
- RD Kapoor, PI Industries Ltd. (Mentor)
- KS Thayagrajan, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.
- Rajvir Rathi, Bayer CropScience Ltd.
- Anil Kakkar, Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd.
- Dr. Amitava Sanyal, Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd.
- P. Suresh, Bayer CropScience Ltd.
- Dr. Ajeet Tomar, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd.
- Rajesh Dhawan, Syngenta India Ltd.
- Rajat Srivastava, Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.
- Sushil Kumar Mishra, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.
- Deepa Batra, FMC Ltd.
- Shekhar Varshney, Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd.
- Rajesh Mathew, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.
- Vandana Takhi, Parijat Industries India Pvt. Ltd.
- Sushil Gather, Godrej Agrovvet Ltd.
- Dr. Pinki Bhandhari, Gharda Chemicals Ltd.
- Tilak Raj Arora, Mahamaya LifeSciences Pvt. Ltd
- Tarak Chakraborty, Tropical Agrosystem (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- Suresh Pitlehra, Krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Ltd.
- Dr. Uday Srivastava, Ichiban Crop Science Ltd.
- Praful Bhamre, PI Industries Ltd.
- Alok Paliwal, GSP Crop Science Ltd.
- Snehal Desai, Hikal Ltd.
- Prajval Nalavade, Indofil Industries Pvt. Ltd.
- Jitendra Pathak, Indofil Industries Pvt. Ltd.
- Rameshwar Rattan, Mahindra Summit Agritech Ltd.
- Anju Sharma, Mankind Agritech Ltd.
- Dr. A. Kuppusamy, NACL Industries Ltd.
- Harsh Towari, Albaugh LLC

Policy Committee

- **NK Aggarwal, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd. (Chairman)**
- Salil Singhal, PI Industries Ltd.
- RG Agarwal, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd.
- Parikshit Mundhra, Willowood Chemicals Ltd.
- Abhijit Bose, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.
- Rajvir Rathi, Bayer CropScience Ltd.
- Anil Kakkar, Sumitomo Chemicals India Ltd.

Secretariat Committee

- **Abhijit Bose, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd. (Chairman)**
- Dr. Suresh Ramachandra, Sumitomo Chemicals India Ltd.
- Sanjay Aggarwal, Indogulf CropScience Ltd.
- KS Thayagrajan, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.

Kisan Kalyan Karyakram Committee

- **P Suresh, Bayer CropScience Ltd. (Chairman)**
- Dr. Ajeet Tomar, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd.
- Shekhar Varshney, Sumitomo Chemicals India Ltd.

Minutes of 5th Annual General Meeting

Date: 9th September 2022

Venue: The Lalit, New Delhi

The 5th Annual General Meeting of ACFI was held on September 9, 2022 at Hotel Lalit, New Delhi from 2:30 PM onwards. The discussions and decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

- Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI has begun the meeting after ensuring the quorum and welcomed the General Body members to the 5th Annual General meeting of ACFI.
- He has thanked all the members for their support and Governing council for their guidance in doing a commendable job in policy and stewardship front both. He has requested all the members for proactive involvement and larger participation.
- He has further mentioned that, last year ACFI has registered and implemented the Constitution, maintained the compliance norms and streamlined the operation, implemented SOPs at the distinctive level.
- He briefed the general body on the elaborate agenda for the day and requested Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Chairman ACFI to deliver his opening remarks.
- Shri Parikshit Mundhra has welcomed the general body. He mentioned that it has been a long journey in establishing ACFI and today ACFI is by far the most diverse association in the industry as we have manufacturers, formulators, exporters, MNC's & key Indian players as our members.
- Further, he has appreciated all the governing council members for their constant support to him. He has thanked Shri Jitendra Mohan, Chairman- Technical & Regulatory Committee for his contribution in association and apprised ACFI secretariat for their efforts and teamwork for their phenomenal work. He also appreciated the former Office bearers for their time, support and cooperation.
- Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI has sought the confirmation on the Minutes of the 4th Annual General Meeting on 24th September 2021, New Delhi: The Minutes were approved by Shri Atul Churiwal and seconded by Shri Keshav Anand with the concurrence of all the members.

ACFI Annual Report Presentation:

Shri Abhijit Bose, General Secretary, ACFI has mentioned that ACFI is doing exceptionally well in this sector and in a short span of just 5 years, ACFI has gained

popularity in the industry/ Government (State & Centre). This association was started with just 15 members and today ACFI has 34 PAN India members (Indian and Multinationals) and many more are waiting to join.

He has welcomed ACFI New members Biostadt India Ltd, Chambal Fertilisers & Chemicals, Deepak Nitrite Ltd, FMC Ltd, Mahindra Summit Agriscience Ltd, Mankind Agritech Pvt. Ltd & Syngenta India Ltd

Further, he has mentioned that in last one year ACFI have taken up various policy matters such as reforms in CIB&RC, Concerns of Glyphosate, Pesticide Management Bill -2020, Proposed ban on 27 Pesticides & New Molecule in India. ACFI has participated in various forums and represented the stand of ACFI Members which will be elaborated by Shri Jitendra Mohan, who has done tremendous work in leading the ACFI's Technical and Regulatory Committee.

He has also elaborated on the success of Jago Kisan Jago Campaign started by ACFI in the state of Haryana where in as pilot project, 5 mobile vans with awareness posters & banners have been flagged off by Shri J.P. Dalal, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister of Haryana at Chandigarh on 6th May 2022, to educate, engage and empower the farmers of Haryana.

- OBJECTIVE:

Ø To educate the farmers and spread the message that by using the right pesticides their crop yield will increase significantly.

Ø To buy agrochemicals with GST Bill so that future complaints (if any) can be addressed.

Ø Consult the KVK Scientists, Agriculture officers, and Agri Universities professors before buying any product.

Ø To use the agrochemicals judiciously as prescribed in the product leaflet.

Ø To create awareness against misbranded and counterfeit products.

ACTIVITIES DONE:

Ø The 5 campaign vans travelled in approx. 508 villages with proper monitoring.

Ø They have distributed awareness leaflets on things to remember while buying, using, spraying and properly storing the plant protection chemicals.

Ø They have placed posters in the villages regarding buying crop protection chemicals with the advice of KVK Scientists, District Agriculture officers & Agriculture

University professors, etc.

Ø ACFI delegates have talked to 24-30 farmers on a one-to-one basis and noted their concerns.

Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting Report:

Shri Jitendra Mohan, Chairman, Technical & Regulatory Committee, ACFI has briefed the members about the issues taken up by the committee last year and meetings held to deliberate those

Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting – December 24, 2021 & January 7, 2022

Ø Discussion on inclusion of name of technical supplier in certificate of registration of 9(4)-FIM prospectively

Ø Decision of 434 RC Meeting for 9(4)-FIM Consent Letters

Ø Discussion on implementation of analytical tools to check the purity of technical used for manufacturing formulation

Ø Issue of provisional registration of imported readymade Biostimulants

Ø Draft Prohibition of Streptomycin + Tetracycline in Agriculture Order 2021

Ø Draft Insecticides (Fourth Amendment) Rules 2021

Ø Discussion on Drone Guidelines and SOP approved by CIB&RC

Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting – February 18, 2022

Ø Discussion on Draft Insecticides (Amendment) Rules, 2022 for Amending Rule 19 for Toxicity Classification.

Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting – February 25, 2022

Ø Public notice for inviting comments of stakeholders on the draft guidelines for post-harvest use of Ethephon

Ø Public Notice for inviting comments of stakeholders on the draft guidelines on bio-pesticides and draft guidelines on consortium of biopesticides

Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting – May 31, 2022

Ø Discussion on Unit Sale Price Regulation (Legal metrology)

Ø Discussion on minimizing business compliance in the state of Punjab

Ø Discussion on Glyphosate ban in Andhra Pradesh & Punjab / writ

Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting – July 11, 2022

Ø Identify and cancel dubious registrations

Ø Prevent frivolous & fake applications for registrations

Ø Discourage copy-cat culture & promote innovation & genuine R&D

Ø Make registration process transparent & efficient

Ø Revamp CIL

Ø Streamline market sampling & their analysis

Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting – July 25, 2022

Ø Draft proposal for amendment in Section 29 of the Insecticides Act, 1968

Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting – September 6, 2022

Ø Discussion on new guidelines for registration in various categories approved in 440 RC Meeting

Ø Update on PLI Scheme

Balance Sheet 2021-22 Presentation:

Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Treasurer, ACFI has presented the Audited Balance Sheet as on March 31, 2022, the same was placed before the board for their approval and was approved by Shri Keshav Anand with the concurrence of other members.

Appointment of Auditor for year 2022-23:

Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI has proposed Devesh Parekh & co. to be appointed as the statutory auditor of the society for the Financial Year 2022-2023 which was approved by all the members.

Budget for FY 2022-23

Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI presented ACFI Budget for FY 2022-23, which has been already approved by the Governing Council, but as per section 4C of the Society Act, this needs concurrence of the General Body, the same with the concurrence of all the members.

ACFI In Media

Ms. Simranjeet Kaur, Public Relations Officer, ACFI has elaborated all the members on the offline and online media presence of ACFI. For the last year ACFI has been in many news headlines for our various policy issues and perception management activities.

Further she has informed the gathering that ACFI has revamped their website and have established a presence on other social media platforms such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter & Instagram to reach out to farmers with important information on optimal, judicious & timely use of crop protection chemicals.

- The Meeting has concluded with the vote of thanks from Dr. Suresh Ramachandran, Vice Chairman, ACFI, he has thanked all the GC members, technical committee members and our beloved corporate members for extending their support to ACFI. Further he has mentioned that while the GC and the special task forces have given all their support and guidance to the Secretariat, at the same time Secretariat has given their best to achieve the target in spite of having crunch in manpower. He had also ensured his contribution, commitment towards the association and taking ACFI to a new hight.

Minutes of 6th Governing Council Meeting

Date: 16th November 2022

Venue: Office - Sumitomo Chemicals India Ltd. Mumbai

Time: 2:00 PM onwards

The 6th Governing Council meeting of ACFI was held on 16th November 2022, at the office of Sumitomo Chemicals India Ltd. Mumbai. The agenda and decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

Ø Dr Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI has initiated the meeting by welcoming all the attendees and thanked Shri Chetan Shah (Special Attendee) & Dr. Suresh Ramachandran for hosting the GC Meeting at their office.

Ø Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Chairman, ACFI has given his opening remarks. He welcomed all the attendees and informed the members that a few policy matters have arisen since the last GC Meeting, specifically on the GSR on Glyphosate which has to be discussed and averted meticulously with a united front. He further mentioned that since Biostadt and Syngenta have joined ACFI we now have all the major stakeholders of the Agrochemical industry as our members.

Ø Dr. Kalyan Goswami requested Shri Chetan Shah (Special Attendee) to say a few words about ACFI and its initiatives.

Ø Shri Chetan Shah appreciated all the initiatives that are taken by ACFI under Kisan Kalyan Karyakram. He further suggested that under the same ACFI can start a certification training program for spraying agrochemicals as it will help in generating employment for the youth in rural areas. We can start with 10- 12 major states and each member company can help with the manforce to execute it. The same was agreed by all the members. ACFI will send a letter to the Centre and States Government proposing the same.

Ø Dr Kalyan Goswami has informed the members about the agenda of the GC meeting as follows:

- Confirmation of MOM of the last GC meeting held on 28.06.2022
- ATR of the last GC meeting held on 28.06.2022
- Update on Industry & Policy related issues
- WRIT on restricted use of Glyphosate from PCO only
- Report on Jago Kisan Jago Awareness Campaign
- ACFI Financial Update

- Finalizing Debate Show Date
- HR issues
- Any other point with the permission of the chair
- Vote of Thanks

Confirmation of MOM of the last GC meeting held on 28.06.2022

As the statutory requirement, Dr. Kalyan Goswami sought the confirmation on MoM of last GC Meeting held on 28.06.2022. The same was approved with the concurrence of all the members.

ATR of the last GC meeting held on 28.06.2022

Dr. Kalyan Goswami updated the members on the action taken on the last GC meeting Agenda

S. No.	Agenda Point	GC Mandate	Remarks
1	Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2022 effective from October 1, 2022 related to mentioning of unit price on the retail packs	28.06.2022	Done
2	Reach out to DoA&FW & CIL for their understanding and implementation of analytical tools to check the purity of technical used for manufacturing formulation	28.06.2022	In process
3	Minimizing business compliance in the state of Punjab	28.06.2022	ACFI has sent the representation to the Government of Punjab highlighting the major issues
4	Glyphosate ban in Andhra Pradesh writ	28.06.2022	It was revoked due to no co-appellant
5	ACFI will conduct the same awareness campaign on a larger scale in the Western UP and cotton belt	28.06.2022	Maharashtra-Done Western UP- In the process

Update on Industry & Policy issues

Shri Jitendra Mohan, Chairman Technical and Regulatory Committee informed the group that since the last GC meeting the Technical and regulatory committee has met to deliberate the mentioned issues.

1. Gazette Notifications Issued by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

- Gazette notification 3908(E) for inclusion of Flumetylsulforim (ADAMA), Profluthrin (Sumitomo) and Quinoxifen (Dow) in the Insecticides Schedule
- Gazette notification 5010(E) for Restriction on Use of Glyphosate Order, 2022 for its use by Pest Control Operators (Writ petition challenging the notification submitted in Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on 15.11.2022). ACFI has filed a WRIT petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.
- Gazette notification 790(E) for Draft Insecticides Amendment Rules 2022 for educational qualifications for employment of a technical person in technical and formulation manufacturing plant (Stakeholder comments to be submitted by November 24, 2022). The time given for implementation for companies already holding valid manufacturing license is 4 years from date of issuance of final notification.

i. Doctorate in Chemistry or Agriculture Chemistry or Agriculture chemicals or Master of Technology or Master of Science in Chemical engineering or equivalent for manufacture of technical grade insecticides

ii. Graduate degree in Agriculture or Science with Chemistry as one of the subjects for manufacture of insecticide formulation. **To be discussed in the Technical & Regulatory Committee**

Gazette notification 806(E) for Draft Insecticides (Amendment) Rules, 2022 pertaining to amendment in labeling requirements (Stakeholder comments to be submitted by December 9, 2022). **To be discussed in the Technical & Regulatory Committee**

Public Notices Issued by Secretariat of CIB&RC

Public notice regarding Checklist for change of name and change of address of the source of import in the country of origin.

Public notice issued by the National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC).

Public notice regarding guidelines for registration of insecticides under Section 9(3b), 9(3) and 9(4)- Under the guidance of Shri Salil Singhal ACFI has submitted their comments to the department

Public notice regarding Definition of non-crop area framed by the sub-committee constituted by DA&FW- Shri Chetan Shah raised an issue with the published definition as it does not include fallow land, which was there in the definition approved in 407 RC Minutes. ACFI will take this up in the next technical committee meeting and will approach the department accordingly.

Public Notice dated 07.11.2022 regarding Inclusion of additional information under "Know Your Company" title.

WRIT on restricted use of Glyphosate from PCO only

Dr. Kalyan Goswami informed the group that ACFI has filled a WRIT petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and along the same lines CLI & CCFI has also filled the same.

Financials predicted for this are approx. 2 Cr. Which will be borne by the major stakeholders of Glyphosate.

Report on Jago Kisan Jago Awareness Campaign

ACFI launched a mass awareness campaign on 11th September 2022, Nagpur to aware farmers about optimal use of Crop Protection Chemicals. It was flagged off by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union cabinet minister for Transport and Highways and Shri Abdul Sattar, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister of Maharashtra and various stakeholders including industry members and Dr. C.D Mayee, past Chairman of ASRB- ICAR, joined it.

ACFI has deployed five mobile vans in 5 districts of Maharashtra, namely, Amravati, Nagpur, Wardha, Chandrapur & Gondiya in the first phase (from September to October 2022). And later on the other districts to be covered are Aurangabad, Hingoli, Nanded, Beed, Buldhana, Yavatmal, Nashik, Dhule, Nandurbar and Ahmednagar

OBJECTIVE:

To educate the farmers and spread the message that by using the right pesticides their crop yield will increase significantly.

To buy agrochemicals with GST Bill only.

To consult the KVK Scientists, Agriculture officers, Agri Universities professors before buying any product.

To use the agrochemicals judiciously as prescribed in the product leaflet.

To create awareness against misbranded and counterfeit products.

CONCLUSION:

The farmers in Maharashtra are aware of the importance of agrochemicals in increasing and maintaining crop yield. But their concern was regarding the

(i) sub-standard and misbranded products that are there in the market. Most of the farmers cannot differentiate between a genuine and misbranded product, for which they depend on the dealers.

(ii) Day by day the required dose is getting increased as pests are not affected with prescribed dosage

The farmers are told by the dealers they will have to pay 18% extra cost on the product if they need the bill, thus they do not ask for the GST bill. Most of the farmers buy pesticides on credit basis from the dealer and they take advantage of this and refuse to give GST Bill.

The KVK scientists, Agri extension workers are not active in remote areas and are failing in educating and helping the farmers in choosing the right product for their crops, thus the farmers seek advice of the pesticide dealers.

The agriculture extension workers are also not working actively in educating them on identifying the difference between the genuine and sub-standard product. Even when the industry organizes kisan sanghoshies they do not talk about menace of misbranded and counterfeit products. They only speak about their brands in promotion.

NEXT COURSE OF ACTION:

1. ACFI would deploy 5 vans from Hyderabad, Telangana with support from Shri RG Agarwal.
2. ACFI would deploy 5 vans from West Bengal with support from Shri Atul Churiwal.

ACFI Financial Update

Dr. Kalyan Goswami informed the group that ACFI has got the 12A registration which is granted by the Income Tax Department to get exemptions from paying income tax based on few compliance criteria to which we need to adhere.

Under this we need to spend 85% of our income on stewardship initiatives. Dr. Kalyan Goswami with the help of Shri Sanjay Aggarwal has to share a draft budget on this by the end of December 2022.

Finalizing Debate Show Date

It has been decided that the ACFI will held this debate show in the month of Jan 2023. ACFI secretariat and the Debate show committee will work out the other details and budget for the same and share it with the GC by 15th December 2022.

HR Issues

Dr. Kalyan Goswami raised his concern that the ACFI secretariat needs more manpower as the association is growing at a tremendous rate. It was suggested by the GC that ACFI will take consult industry experts like Dr. Kannungo for technical matter and will hire an administrative person from science background as well.

Any other point with the permission of the chair

ACFI will get a stall space in the next India Chem or any such relevant event for visibility and promotion.

ACFI will write a letter to the Ministry of Corporate affairs suggesting that agriculture extension and farmer awareness should also be considered under the CSR Guidelines.

ACFI will start an initiative "School on wheels" wherein a fully mobilized bus will go through India propagating good agricultural practices along with the facility of soil testing for farmers. Shri Sanjay Aggarwal will share the detailed proposal on this by 2nd week of December 2022.

ACFI will organize a Container Disposal seminar in Guntur with the support of Bayer Crop Science.

At the end Shri Abhijit Bose, General Secretary thanked all the members for joining the meeting and giving their valuable inputs. Further, he requested all the members to continue giving their support and inputs for the betterment of ACFI.

Minutes of 7th Governing Council Meeting

Date: 6th April 2023

Venue: Office – Parijat Industries, New Delhi

Time: 12:30 PM onward

The 7th Governing Council meeting of ACFI was held on 6th April 2023, at the office of Parijat Industries Ltd. New Delhi. The agenda and decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

Ø Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI initiated the meeting by welcoming all the attendees. He informed the members that there are a few statutory agenda that needs the approval of GC before closing the books for FY 2022-23. He welcomed Shri KS Thyagarajan, Shri RP Gupta & Shri Raju Kapoor to the meeting as Special Attendee & further thanked Shri Keshav Anand for hosting the GC Meeting at their office.

Ø Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Chairman, ACFI has given his opening remarks. He welcomed all the attendees and informed the members that a few policy matters have arisen since the last GC Meeting, which has to be discussed and sorted meticulously with a united front. He further mentioned that now we have most of the biggest players of the Agrochemical industry as our members.

Ø Dr Kalyan Goswami has informed the members about the agenda of the GC meeting as follows:

- Confirmation of MoM of the last GC meeting held on 16.11.2022
- ATR of the last GC meeting
- Update on Industry & Policy related issues
- Proposed Budget for FY 2023-24
- Activity calendar of FY 2023
- Any other issue with the permission of the chair
- Vote of Thanks

Confirmation of MoM of the last GC meeting held on 16.11.2022

As the statutory requirement, Dr. Kalyan Goswami sought the confirmation on MoM of last GC Meeting held on 16.11.2023. The same was approved with the concurrence of all the members.

ATR of the last GC meeting held on 16.11.2022

S. No.	Agenda Point	GC Mandate	Remarks
1	ACFI would deploy 5 vans in Telangana & 5 vans in West Bengal	16.11.2022	Not done
2	ACFI will hold its debate show in Delhi, Mumbai & Bangalore	16.11.2022	Delhi – Done Bangalore- June 2023 Mumbai- Sept. 2023
3	ACFI will start an initiative “School on wheels” wherein a fully mobilized bus will go through India propagating good agricultural practices along with the facility of soil testing for farmers.	16.11.2022	Planned for May 2023
4	ACFI will organize a Container Disposal seminar in Guntur	16.11.2022	Planned for April 2023

Update on Industry & Policy issues

Shri Jitendra Mohan, Chairman Technical and Regulatory Committee informed the group about the GSRs that have been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and actions taken by ACFI on them along with the agenda for the Technical and regulatory committee.

1. Gazette Notifications Issued by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

ØGazette notification 833(E) for Draft Insecticides (amendment), Rules, 2022 for revision in fee schedule.

ACFI has sent a representation of this to JS(PP) on 08th December 2022 (Ref. No.: ACFI/2022/063)

ØGazette notification 846(E) for Insecticides (Second Amendment), Rules 2022 for inspection of manufacturing facilities within six months of endorsement of a product in manufacturing license by Insecticides Inspector, sale of insecticides through e-commerce entity and qualification of pest control operator. The members agreed to the same.

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Ø Gazette notification 701(E) for Draft Insecticides (Prohibition) Order, 2023 for banning of Dicofol, Dinocap & Methomyl, all formulations of Carbofuran along with label claims except 3% CG, all formulations of Monocrotophos along with label claims except 15% SG and deletion of label claims for Malathion, Quinalphos, Mancozeb, Oxyfluorfen, Dimethoate and Chlorpyrifos.

Shri Jitendra Mohan explained to the group that the products are banned on the basis of the data submitted by registrants which were scrutinized by the independent expert committee. Now based on the PIL filed by Vanashakti Hon'ble Supreme Court wants to know the process followed by the government and the criteria set to scrutinize the products. The Department will file a further affidavit explaining the basis on which action has been taken on only three pesticides out of 116 on 28th April 2023.

Ø Gazette notification 140(E) for Insecticides (First Amendment) Rules 2023 for educational qualifications for employment of technical person in technical and formulation manufacturing plant. Time given for implementation for companies already holding valid manufacturing license is 4 years and one year for other companies from date of issuance of final notification. The members agreed to the same.

Ø Gazette notification 173(E) for Draft Insecticides (Fifth Amendment), Rules, 2023 for change in date from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023 for implementation of educational qualifications for dealers and distributors. The members agreed to the same.

Ø Gazette notification 172(E) for Draft Insecticides (Fourth amendment), Rules, 2023 related to following amendments:

In the Insecticides Rules, 1971 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 10, in clause (iii) of sub-rule (3A):

a) the words “Indian Grain Storage Institute, Hapur and National Plant Protection Training Institute, Hyderabad” shall be substituted by the words “ Indian Grain Storage Management & Research Institute, Hapur and National Institute of Plant Health Management, Hyderabad, respectively ”.

b) in sub-clause (iii) , following proviso shall be inserted: Provided that any person who apply for grant of license for the Pest Control Operations using only Glyphosate and its derivatives for such operations as prescribed shall undergo a training programme, meant exclusively for Glyphosate usage, from any of the following Institutions - any State Agricultural University or Krishi Vigyan Kendra or National Institute of Plant Health Management, Hyderabad or State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute or Central or State Agricultural Research Institute or any other Government recognized university or institute or Central or Regional Integrated Pest Management Center (CIPMC) with NIPHM as the implementing nodal agency for course curriculum and monitoring of the training programme.

Ø Gazette notification 211(E) for Insecticides (Second Amendment), Rules, 2023 related to amendments in labelling requirements vide which following amendments have been made.

a) Only English and Hindi languages are to be printed on labels

b) Equal prominence shall be given to brand name and common name

c) QR code shall be placed on primary or secondary pack as the case may be at suitable place where it is easy to scan

d) Size of pictograms shall be half- square centimeter (0.5 cm x 0.5 cm) in respect of labels of ultra-small packs only

e) For ultra-small packs, multiple primary packs may be packed in one secondary pack and the manufacturer shall ensure leaflet and QR code be securely attached with each primary pack before packing them in one secondary pack

f) For ultra-small packs, the dimensions of the toxicity square shall be not less than 2.25 square centimeters (1.5cm x1.5 cm)

Conditions

Conditions

- a) No registration certificate holder shall use a label or leaflet, which is not in accordance with the provisions of the Insecticides (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023, after a period of six months from the date of commencement of the Insecticides (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023
- b) No insecticides or its package bearing a label or leaflet, which is not in accordance with the provisions of the Insecticides (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023, shall be distributed, sold, exhibited for sale or stocked, after expiry of two years from the date of commencement of the Insecticides (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023 or its expiry date, whichever is earlier and this explanation shall cease to exist after expiry of the said period, unless otherwise directed.

The members agreed to the same.

1. Agenda of Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting

Ø Update on Quality Control Order

Shri Jitendra Mohan has informed the group of mandatory BIS standards for 76 chemicals which are listed in the Rotterdam & Stockholm conventions and categorized as hazardous under the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical (MSIHC) Rules. Out of these, 9 Pesticide products like Carbofuran, Phorate, Dicofol, Aluminium Phosphide, Captan, Dimethoate, Malathion, Monocrotophos & Zinc Phosphide are either listed under international conventions and/or MSIHC Rules.

ACFI has sent the following comments to the Department of Chemical & Petrochemical on 24.03.2023

- a) BIS standards for the nine pesticides listed in Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and/or MSIHC Rules should be converted into Quality Control Orders.
- b) Registration of pesticide manufacturers with BIS shall be voluntary and not mandatory, in consonance with current practice.

Ø Amendment in Chemistry data requirement in guidelines for registration of formulation containing more than 2 active ingredients

Shri Jitendra Mohan informed the group that in RC 336, the method of Analysis (a single clear analytical separation method of active ingredients) should be changed to Method of Analysis (individual method of analysis for each active ingredient or a single clear analytical separation method of active ingredients, whichever is available). The technical reason for this is that many-a-times it is very difficult to develop a single

Also, data on Chemical Interaction among the a.i. in the combination product is to be deleted as stability of the formulation can be established by ambient storage stability study. This study is not required for binary combinations.

It was decided that ACFI shall submit a representation on the above two points to CIB&RC.

Ø Update on Glyphosate

Dr. Kalyan Goswami informed the group that the gazette notification has been stayed up to July 19, 2023, by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi & a curriculum for the training of PCO for use of glyphosate has been approved in the 445th RC Meeting.

The Secretariat of CIB & RC shall write a suitable communication to DA & FW for taking up the matter with the proposed Institutes/Organizations and also to take further appropriate steps for the effective implementation of the notification in terms of the observations of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

ACFI shall communicate with DA&FW and CIB&RC about engaging with stakeholders on this matter in view of the undertaking given by the government in Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and also in view of the stay granted by the Court.

Ø Update on RDP & extension of patent tenure

Shri Jitendra Mohan informed the group that last week DPIIT has called on a meeting to discuss the issue of regulatory data protection where in ACFI has supported RDP of five years for new molecules, which are out of patent and yet to be registered in the country. With regards to Extension of Patent Tenure & Other Related Matters ACFI is of the opinion that there should be no extension of 20 years patent period.

Amendment in the section 3(d) of the Patents act to allow second Medical use:

Section 3 (d) of Indian patent act recites "the mere discovery of a new form of a known substance which does not result in the enhancement of the known efficacy of that substance or the mere discovery of any new property or new use for a known substance or of the mere use of a known process, machine or apparatus unless such known process results in a new product or employs at least one new reactant".

Explanation.—For the purposes of this clause, salts, esters, ethers, polymorphs, metabolites, pure form, particle size, isomers, mixtures of isomers, complexes, combinations and other derivatives of known substance shall be considered to be the same substance, unless they differ significantly in properties with regard to efficacy;

ACFI's Opinion: As per section 3(d) second medical use is not allowed in India under Indian patent act. If the second medical use is allowed in Pharma and Healthcare sector then it should also be allow in Agro-Chemical Sector.

Reform in India's Pre-grant opposition system:

The Section 25 of Indian Patent Act deals with the Opposition to the patents wherein,

Section 25(1) [pre-grant] recites "Where an application for a patent has been published but a patent has not been granted, any person may, in writing, represent by way of opposition to the Controller against the grant of patent on the ground—a) to k) (for details kindly refer Indian patent act)

Section 25(2) [post-grant] recites "At any time after the grant of patent but before the expiry of a period of one year from the date of publication of grant of a patent, any person interested may give notice of opposition to the Controller in the prescribed manner on any of the following grounds, namely:— a) to k) (for details kindly refer Indian patent act)

ACFI's Opinion: It has to be observed that while the opposition system provided in Indian patent system is a unique process to stop the frivolous and false patent, but it fails to stop the frivolous opposition filing under section 25(1). We observe that the term "any person" in section 25(1) if replaced by term "any person interested" then curtailing in frivolous opposition may be possible.

Also the time allowed for entertaining pre-grant opposition should be limited to only 6 months after publication of application in patent journal. Thereafter, no such pre-grant opposition should be entertained.

A second issue with both Section 25(1) and Section 25(2) is the limitless, long procedures which is a burden on applicant and opponents also and this whole process defeats the purpose of Patent system. A fix timeframe of disposal of pre-grant/post-grant opposition from the date of filing opposition by opponents should be introduced.

Reforms in the annual disclosure of working of patents (Form 27):

Section 146 requires that patentee/licensee should furnish to Indian patent office the information that the patented invention has been commercially worked in India. This information shall be furnished once in respect of every financial year on Form 27.

ACFI's Opinion: Despite of making it mandatory by IPO, Form 27 filing still fails to disclose actual working status of granted patents. Applicants are filing non-working status continuously 5-10 years after grant of patent. This need to be corrected if patent is continuously non-working for 5 years, then, it should be open to public for practice.

It is further suggested that the time for commercialization of patent should be 10 years from the day of grant of patent and 5 years from the day of registration granted in case of agrochemicals.

Disclosure requirements regarding foreign applications under Section 8 and disproportionate consequences of non - compliance.

Under Section 8 of Indian Patent Act, applicant has to furnish the information of filing a patent application outside India for the same or substantially the same invention and also requires to furnish the timely information of patent grant or refused in that country.

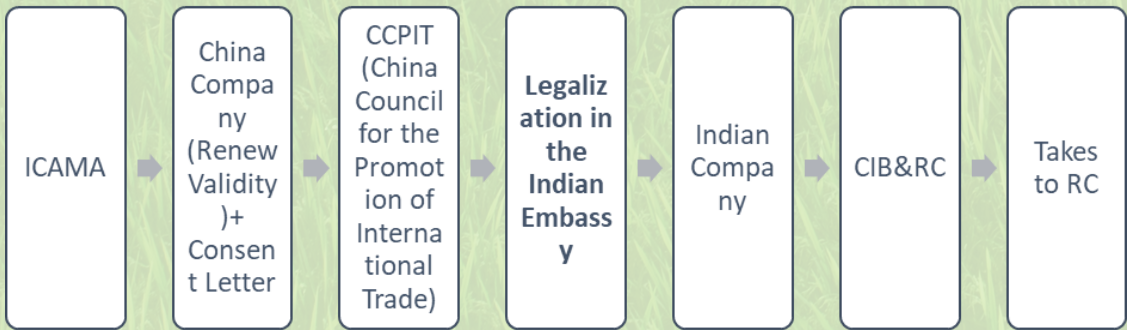
ACFI's Opinion: Even though Section 8 filing is a legal requirement, still applicants are delaying its filing under the ambit of rule 137/138. This practice is posing a problem to competitors and hampers the business prospects since every competitor needs to be fully informed about the foreign filing of Patent and its grant/refused status. Any non-compliance of section 8 should be seriously viewed by DPIIT.

Ø Reforms related to ease of doing business

Shri KS Thyagarajan elaborated that ACFI has been liaisoning with the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, NITI Ayog, CIB&RC and the Department of Chemical & Petrochemical on the following issues under ease of doing business.

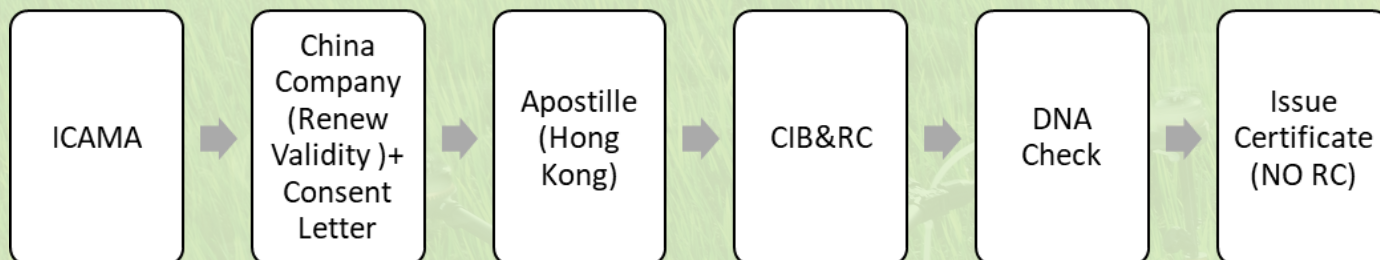
- To allow Commercialization in case of Technical import (TI) and Formulation import (FI) u/s 9(3b) -Provisional registration.
- Simplifying certain procedures of endorsements at CIB to facilitate Ease of Doing Business.
- Simplifying certain procedures for CIB relating to the Extension of validity of the technical import registration certificate thereby facilitating Ease of Doing Business.

He further explained the existing procedure as per 371 RC dtd. 16/12/2016 for 9(3) source approval



The legalization in the Indian Embassy delays the whole process and is not required at all, and after various meetings with the concerned departments, the government has agreed to foresee this step and instead accept notarized Apostille (Hong Kong).

Under EODB, we further want



For the next step, ACFI is going to liaison with the CIB&RC to issue a certificate directly after DNA Check without going to RC.

Proposed Budget for FY 2023-24

Dr. Kalyan Goswami presented the budget for FY 2023-24 which was approved by the Governing Council.

Activity calendar of FY 2023

Ms. Simranjeet Kaur presented the activity planner for the Year 2023 and the activities are done so far. The same was approved by the Governing Council unanimously.

Any other issue with the permission of the chair

Ø HR Issues

Dr. Kalyan Goswami raised his concern that the ACFI secretariat needs more manpower as the association is growing at a tremendous rate. It was suggested by the GC that ACFI will consult industry experts for technical matters and will hire two Research Associates as well.

Key Working points

- ACFI would deploy 5 vans in Telangana & 5 vans in West Bengal
- ACFI shall submit a representation on Amendment in Chemistry data requirement in guidelines for registration of formulation containing more than 2 active ingredients.

ACFI is going liaison with the CIB&RC to issue a certificate directly after DNA Check without going to RC under the guidance of Shri KS Thyagarajan

- a) Shri NK Aggarwal will reach out to the industry expert for ACFI.
- b) Shri RG Agarwal will guide ACFI Secretariat in organizing Jago Kisan Jago Campaign in Meerut/ Lucknow.
- c) ACFI Will organize a live show on educating the farmers about destroying alternate hosts ahead of cotton sowing with Shri RD Kapoor.
- d) ACFI Will make a short video and a pocket booklet to educate the farmers on the dos and don'ts of using agrochemicals.

At the end Shri Abhijit Bose, General Secretary thanked all the members for joining the meeting and giving their valuable inputs. Further, he requested all the members to continue giving their support and inputs for the betterment of ACFI.

Minutes of 8th Governing Council Meeting

Date: 18th July 2023

Venue: Office – GSP Crop Science Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad

Time: 2:00 PM onwards

The 8th Governing Council meeting of ACFI was held on 18th July 2023, at the office of GSP Crop Science Pvt. Ltd. The agenda and decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

Ø Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI initiated the meeting by welcoming all the attendees. He informed the members that this is the last Governing Council meeting before the AGM & Elections, so there are statutory approvals required from the GC.

Ø Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Chairman, ACFI has given his opening remarks. He welcomed all the attendees and mentioned that we now have most of the biggest Agrochemical industry players as our members and ADAMA will also be joining ACFI soon.

Ø Dr Kalyan Goswami has informed the members about the agenda of the GC meeting as follows:

- Welcome Address
- Opening Remarks
- Confirmation of MoM of the last GC meeting 06.04.2023
- ATR of the last GC meeting
- Update on Industry & Policy related issues
- Kisan Kalyan Activity Update
- Financial Update
- Discussion on upcoming AGM
- Starting the election process
- Endorsement of presiding Officer
- Any other issue with the permission of the chair
- Vote of Thanks

Confirmation of MoM of the last GC meeting held on 06.04.2023

As the statutory requirement, Dr. Kalyan Goswami sought the confirmation on MoM of last GC Meeting held on 06.04.2023. The same was approved with the concurrence of all the members.

ATR of the last GC meeting

Dr. Kalyan Goswami updated the members on the action taken on the last GC meeting Agenda points.

S. No.	Agenda Point	GC Mandate	Remarks
1	ACFI would deploy 10 vans in Telangana	06.04.2023	DONE
2	ACFI will hold its debate show in Delhi, Mumbai & Bangalore	16.11.2023 06.04.2023	Delhi – Done Bangalore- Nov 2023 Mumbai- Jan 2024
3	ACFI Will organize a live show on educating the farmers about destroying alternate hosts of CLCV ahead of cotton sowing	06.04.2023	DONE
4	ACFI Will make a short video and a pocket booklet to educate the farmers on the dos and don'ts of using agrochemicals	06.04.2023	Planned to be released in AGM Sept 2023

Update on Industry & Policy issues

Shri Jitendra Mohan, Chairman Technical and Regulatory Committee informed the group about the GSRs that have been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and actions taken by ACFI on them along with the agenda for the Technical and regulatory committee.

Gazette Notifications Issued by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Ø Gazette notification 274(E) for Insecticides (Third Amendment), Rules 2023 for revision in the registration fee.

Ø Gazette notification 315€ for Insecticides (Fourth Amendment), Rules, 2023 for change in date from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2023, for implementation of educational qualifications for dealers and distributors

Ø Gazette notification 406(E) for Draft Insecticides (Fifth Amendment), Rules, 2023 related to transfer of license in case of death of existing retailer or dealer to family members.

Agenda of Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting

- Discussion on Public notice regarding requesting the implementation of Insecticide Rules 1971 Chapter V packing and Labelling of Insecticides.

ACFI submitted their comments to the department on 29.06.2023 seeking clarification on Who will be accountable for the execution; Where these samples will be tested; and What will be the implications for the industry?

- Discussion on Draft Guidelines/data required for grant of registration under various categories of Bio-stimulant.

The Technical team is working on finalizing the comments to be submitted, meanwhile, we have submitted a representation asking for an extension of 15 days to submit the comments.

- Discussion on operational issues

There are a few operational issues with the CIB&RC.

- v Delay in issuance of Registration Certificates
- v Issuance of endorsement letters
- v Redressal for rectifying anomalies/mistakes
- v No online mechanism for submission of revised LL as per the new gazette
- v Pesticide classification gazette notification is pending.
- v Pendency of label extension
- v Pendency of RTT files (herbicides)

Shri Jitendra Mohan informed that ACFI Secretariat along with industry delegates can meet the secretary CIBRC to discuss this issue at length. And meanwhile, we should prompt the department to send the documents via mail as it has been in a practice for a long time. For prompt and effective Policy interventions / operational issues' mitigation, it has been decided to form 3 Task forces in the Technical Committee meeting:

Taskforce to regularly interact with Department to handle broader policy issues: Jitendra Mohan, R D Kapoor, KS Thyagarajan, P Suresh, Raju Kapoor, Kalyan Goswami (this group would meet the department at least twice in a month)

Taskforce to handle CIBRC / RC concern: Shekhar Varshney, Praful Bhamare, Rajat Srivastava, Deepa Kathuria, Alok Paliwal, Kalyan Goswami (this group would meet cib&rc at least once in a month)

Taskforce for Bio-stimulants: Praful Bhamare, Shekhar Varshney, Rajat Srivastava, Ajeet Tomar, Kalyan Goswami

Kisan Kalyan Activity Update

As per the statutory requirement, Ms. Simranjeet Kaur presented the activities done by ACFI from Sept 2022- July 2023 under the following categories:

- v Jago Kisan Jago Campaign
- v Perception Management Program
- v Social Media Campaign
- v Live Farmers' Meetings
- v Farmer Testimonies

The same was appreciated by the Governing Council unanimously.

Financial Update

As per the statutory requirement, Dr. Kalyan Goswami gave a financial update to the GC members.

Discussion on upcoming AGM

It has been decided that ACFI 6TH Annual General Meeting will be held on 22nd September 2023, in New Delhi. AGM would be followed by a plenary session on "India as the Export & Manufacturing Hub for Agrochemicals".

ACFI secretariat will prepare a white paper on the same and present it to the GC within the next month along with further AGM details and budget.

Endorsement of Presiding Officer

As per the statutory requirement, Dr. Kalyan Goswami has been appointed as the presiding officer for ACFI Governing Council elections.

·Starting the election process

Governing Council has advised the presiding officer to start the election process.

At the end, Dr. Kalyan Goswami thanked all the members for joining the meeting and he requested all the members to continue giving their support and input for the betterment of ACFI.

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Various Meetings of FY 2022-23

6th Governing Council Meeting, Sumitomo Office, Mumbai 16th November 2022



Jago Kisan Jago Campaign, Maharashtra, 11 Sept 2022



ACFI Debate Show: Crop Protection Chemicals: Myths V/s Facts, 12.01.2023, Hotel Shangri-La New Delhi



ICAR Industry Government Meet, New Delhi, 6th March 2023



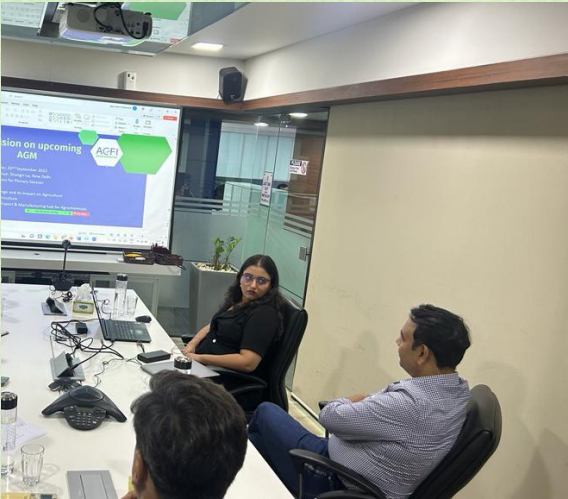
7th Governing Council Meeting, Parijat Office, New Delhi, 6th April 2023



Jago Kisan Jago Campaign, Telangana, 11 July 2023



8th Governing Council Meeting, GSP Cropscience Office, Ahemdabad, 18th April 2023



Seminar on Agriculture Extension: Role of the Government & Industry, 18th July 2023



Balance Sheet For FY 2022-23

AGRO CHEM FEDERATION OF INDIA

Regd. Office : 207, Prakashdeep Building-7, Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi - 110001

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR	Liabilities	FIGURES FOR CURRENT YEAR	FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR	Assets	FIGURES FOR CURRENT YEAR
7,025,000.00	Corpus Fund	8,775,000.00	68,474.00	Fixed Assets (As per annexure "A")	43,019.00
	Current Liabilities			Current Assets	
5,253,878.00	Advance Advocate/Legal Fees	6,364,878.00	31,870.00	Cash-in-hand	26,467.00
84,002.00	TDS Payable	15,224.00	7,475,398.40	Bank Balance	8,934,753.38
595,750.00	Sundry Debtors with Credit Balance	-	184,493.00	GST Receivable	193,651.44
25,000.00	Audit Fees Payable	22,500.00	3,200.00	GST - Cash Ledger	-
-	Other Payables	3,880.00	1,115,696.00	Income Tax Receivable (TDS)	858,802.00
3,444,123.40	Excess of Income over Expenditure	3,231,003.82	224,000.00	Rent Security	224,000.00
			177,698.00	Prepaid Expenses	122,385.00
			6,848,424.00	FD	7,168,834.00
			250,000.00	Advance Income Tax	175,000.00
			3,500.00	Other advances	99,824.00
			45,000.00	Receivables from members (As per annexure "B")	565,750.00
16,427,753.40	TOTAL	18,412,485.82	16,427,753.40	TOTAL	18,412,485.82

Notes forms an integral part of the Financial Statement

For Devesh Parekh & Co
Chartered Accountants
FRN 0013338N

Devesh Parekh
Partner
M.No. 092160

Place : New Delhi
Dated : 31.08.2023
UDIN : 23092160BGVSHR8851



FOR AGRO CHEM FEDERATION OF INDIA

Parikshit Mundhra
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Chairman

RD Kapoor
RD Kapoor
Joint Secretary

Statement of Income & Expenditure

AGRO CHEM FEDERATION OF INDIA
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2023

FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR	Expenditure	FIGURES FOR CURRENT YEAR	FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR	Income	FIGURES FOR CURRENT YEAR
5,025,250.00	To, Salary	4,316,000.00	12,100,000.00	By, Annual Subscription Fee	12,750,000.00
-	To, Website & G-mail maintenance expenses	47,396.00	825,000.00	By, Subscription For Legal Advocate Fee	2,989,000.00
1,367,000.00	To, Legal & Professional	3,261,500.00	150,000.00	By, Advertisement	1,935,000.00
680,400.00	To, Rent Office	714,420.00	92,919.24	By, Retainership Charges reversed	-
-	To, Fee & Taxes	-	81,583.00	By, Interest on FD with SBI	356,012.00
8,012.00	To, Printing & Stationary	32,037.00			
25,000.00	To, Audit Fees	25,000.00			
145,236.00	To, Website Design & Development Expenses	127,764.00			
23,309.34	To, Telephone & Internet Expenses	24,915.26			
80,231.00	To, Postage & Courier	28,217.00			
41,349.00	To, Depreciation	25,455.00			
1,698.02	To, Bank Charges	1,521.02			
1,008,653.00	To, Reimbursement to staff	885,326.00			
65,484.14	To, Travelling and conveyance	24,614.00			
8,794.16	To, Miscellaneous Expense	7,471.00			
-	To, Brokerage	-			
269,800.00	To, Kissan Kalyan Karyakarm Expenses	6,209,271.00			
5,280.00	To, Late fee on GST	-			
29,600.00	To, Late fee on TDS	-			
328,445.00	To, Advertisement Expenses	-			
5,020.00	To, Books & Periodicals	-			
16,630.00	To, Computer expenses	16,768.14			
40,198.00	To, Festival Expenses	57,833.00			
35,435.00	To, Electricity Expenses	35,277.00			
29,405.00	To, Hospitality Expenses	80,197.00			
42,908.00	To, Interest on GST	112,263.00			
29,031.00	To, Interest on TDS	5,481.00			
66,250.00	To, Mediclaim Expenses	46,000.00			
568,244.00	To, Meeting & Conference Expenses	522,952.00			
4,775.00	To, Press Clipping Service	7,020.00			
123,089.00	To, Office Expenses	140,809.00			
57,976.30	To, Repair & Maintenance (Office)	71,696.20			
-	To, Annual report design charges	12,500.00			
4.30	To, Round Off	(1.04)			
2,110.00	To, Water Charges	1,580.00			
9,000.00	To, Trademark registration Fees	-			
10,000.00	To, Logo Design Expenses	-			
90,000.00	To, Bad Debts	-			
211,786.00	To, Income tax	1,401,849.00			
2,794,098.98	To, Excess of Income over Expenditure	(213,119.58)			
13,249,502.24	TOTAL	18,030,012.00	13,249,502.24	TOTAL	18,030,012.00

Notes forms an integral part of the Financial Statement.

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Devesh Parekh
Partner
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FOR AGRO CHEM FEDERATION OF INDIA

Parikshit Mundhra
Chairman
RD Kapoor
Joint Secretary

ACFI Jago Kisan Jago Campaign

Agro Chem Federation of India ACFI' launched a mass awareness campaign to aware farmers about the optimal use of Crop Protection Chemicals. Under this initiative, ACFI has deployed twenty mobile vans in Haryana, Maharashtra, and Telangana.

OBJECTIVE:

- To educate the farmers and spread the message that by using the right pesticides their crop yield will increase significantly.
- To buy agrochemicals with GST Bill.
- To consult the KVK Scientists, Agriculture officers, and Agri university professors before buying any product.
- To use the agrochemicals judiciously as prescribed in the product leaflet.
- To create awareness against misbranded and counterfeit products.
- To create awareness about modern technology like Drones.

ACTIVITIES DONE:

- The 20 campaign vans traveled in Haryana, Maharashtra, and Telangana with proper monitoring.
- ACFI with its members has organized various farmer meetings during this period of time.
- They have distributed awareness leaflets on things to remember while buying, using, spraying, and storing the plant protection chemicals.
- They have fixed posters in the villages regarding buying crop protection chemicals with the advice of KVK Scientists, District Agriculture officers & Agriculture University professors, etc.

FEEDBACK:

- The farmers are aware of the importance of agrochemicals in increasing and maintaining crop yield. But their concern was regarding the

(i) Day by day the required doze is getting increased as pests are not dyeing with prescribed dozes

(i) sub-standard and misbranded products are there in the market. Most of the farmers cannot differentiate between a genuine and misbranded product, for which they depend on the dealers.

- The farmers are told by the dealers they will have to pay 18% extra cost on the product if they need the bill, thus they do not ask for the GST bill. Most of the farmers buy pesticides on a credit basis from the dealer and they take advantage of this and refuse to give GST Bill.
- The KVK scientists, Agri extension workers are not active in remote areas and are failing in educating and helping the farmers in choosing the right product for their crops, thus the farmers seek the advice of the pesticide dealers.
- The agriculture extension workers are also not working actively in educating them on identifying the difference between genuine and sub-standard products. Even when the industry organizes Kisan sanghosties they do not talk about the menace of misbranded and counterfeit products. They only speak about their brands in the promotion.

NEXT COURSE OF ACTION:

- ACFI and the industry need to organize various Kisan Sanghosties to spread awareness on judicious use and identify the difference between genuine and sub-standard products.
- ACFI also needs to work towards training the dealers to assist the farmers in selecting the best product for their crop and selling only the genuine product.







ACFI In Media



Speaking at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Crop protection Chemical industry platform ACFI held in New Delhi, Dr. Mohapatra said, "To avoid ship to mouth syndrome of 1950-60s, it is paramount to enhance our agriculture production at a faster pace than growth in demand due to continuous rise in population. Usage of technology and precision agriculture practices would help us in enhancing production on one hand and maintaining ecological balance. Amid ever-increasing environmental concern, sustainable practices are the need of the hour and technology will play a key role in it."

Dr. Mohapatra also asked the Agrochemical Federation to work for awareness of the farmers to purchase the right and genuine agri inputs with GST bills and also how to use and when to use agrochemicals.

Alluding to the topic of Role of Crop Protection Chemicals in Sustainable Agriculture, Dr. Ashok Dalwai, CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority said, "In India the extent of use of pesticide is too low compared with other developed countries. Our country needs latest molecules with higher effectiveness for sustainable agriculture. To achieve it, the industry and agriculture sectors need to adopt an integrated approach. As it is difficult for anyone to achieve the goal alone, the industry should look to enter into partnerships with like-minded industries to achieve synergies."

Also present on the occasion, Mr. Sali Singh, Chairman Emeritus, PI Industry said, "Negative perception about pesticide has been spread wrongly without any logic or scientific base. Jointly, we need to correct the perception."

Dr. SK Malikotia, Director, DKMA also expressed similar views and maintained agrochemical is a crucial agri inputs for sustainable agriculture in India.

Precision Agriculture Sector Must Gain Pace for Ecological Balance: Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra Former DG, ICAR

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Delhi, Sept. 13 – Precision agriculture and usage of technology in the agriculture sector must gain pace as it would help twin causes of achieving reasonable growth and maintaining ecological balance at the same time, said Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Former Director General, Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR).

Speaking at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Crop protection Chemical industry platform ACFI held in New Delhi, Dr. Mohapatra said, To avoid ship to mouth syndrome of 1950-60s, it is paramount to enhance our agriculture production at a faster pace than growth in demand due to continuous rise in population. Usage of technology and precision agriculture practices would help us in enhancing production on one hand and maintaining ecological balance. Amid ever-increasing environmental concern, sustainable practices are the need of the hour and technology will play a key role in it.

Dr. Mohapatra also asked the Agrochemical Federation to work for awareness of the farmers to purchase the right and genuine agri inputs with GST bills and also how to use and when to use agrochemicals.

Alluding to the topic of Role of Crop Protection Chemicals in Sustainable Agriculture, Dr. Ashok Dalwai, CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority said, in India the extent of use of

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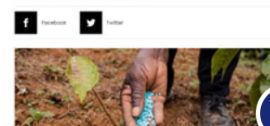
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Budget 2023: Industry Seeks GST, Import Duty Reduction On Crop Protection Chemicals

Union Budget 2023: The Agro Chem Federation of India sought import duty reduction on crop protection chemicals. It also urged the government to bring down the GST on crop protection chemicals to 5 per cent.

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ACFI 5th Annual General Meeting: Top entrepreneurs attending ACFI 5th AGM at The Lalit hotel, New Delhi. Agro-Chem Federation of India is also doing a plenary session on 'Role of Crop Protection Chemicals in Sustainable Agriculture'. Here are some of the pics coming straight from the event. Fill the form for more information: <https://bit.ly/3zkTSYN>
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एसीएफआयची शेतकऱ्यांसाठी जनजागृती

ॲग्रो केम फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया 'एसीएफआय' ने आज एक व्यापक मोहीम सुरू केली. कीटकनाशकांच्या इष्टतम वापराबाबत शेतकऱ्यांना जागरूक करणे, यामुळे शेतकऱ्यांना बिलाविना कीटकनाशके खरेदी करणे टाळता येणार आहे. केंद्रीय मंत्री नितीन गडकरी यांनी मोहिमेचा शुभारंभ केला. उद्योग सदस्यांसह विविध भागधारक आणि एसआरबी-आयसीएसआरचे माजी अध्यक्ष डॉ. सी. डी. मायी सहभागी झाले. या 'जागो किसान जागो' उपक्रमात पाच मोबाईल व्हॅन चालवण्यात येणार आहेत. याद्वारे दर्जेदार कीटकनाशके वापरण्याचा संदेश शेतकऱ्यांपर्यंत पोहोचवला जाईल. यात ड्रोनसारख्या आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाबाबत, बिलाशिवाय कृषी निविष्टा खरेदी करण्याबाबतही चर्चा होईल.



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JAGO KISHAN JAGO: Under ACFI Stewardship program 'Kisan Kalyan Karykram' is a campaign 'Jago Kishan Jago' meant to educate, engage and empower the Indian farmers. Today onwards, 5 mobile vans will be flagged off by Nitin Gadkari at Vanamati Auditorium, Nagpur. It's to tell the farmers about the 'judicious use of plant protection chemicals, and getting GST bill against their every purchase.



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We are glad to inform you that, under ACFI Stewardship program 'Kisan Kalyan Karykram' we are launching a mass awareness campaign 'Jago Kishan Jago' to educate, engage and empower the Indian farmers. Today at 10.30 am, 5 mobile vans will be flagged off by Honourable Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji, at Vanamati Auditorium, Nagpur. Next 1 month, these vans would go to various rural Districts of Maharashtra to educate the farmers on the 'judicious use of plant protection chemicals, buying agri-inputs with the recommendation of KVK Scientists, Agriculture Officers and getting GST bill against their every purchase'.
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ACFI launches mass awareness campaign for farmer education in august presence of Nitin Gadkari

Nagpur: Argo Chem Federation of India ACFI today launched a mass campaign. It is to aware farmers about optimal use of Pesticides. This will help the farmers to avoid purchase without Bill. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union cabinet minister for Transport and Highways launched it. Also, various stakeholders including industry members and Dr. C.D Mayee, past Chairman of ASRB- ICAR, joined it. This 'Jago Kisan Jago' initiative, will run five mobile vans. It will spread the message about using quality pesticides to farmers. It will also talk about modern technology like Drones, buying Agri-inputs against a bill. Gadkari said, "India is the second largest producer of Agri produce in the World, but despite that our country's share in the global trade is only 3%. This is due to lower crop yield as compared to some other nations. By using right technology and quality inputs, the crop yield can improve. Today's initiative by ACFI & its members will go a long way." India has around 2.4% of world's arable land, 4% of water resources and 18% of the world population but second largest producer of Agri produce in the World. Shri Abdul Sattar, Agriculture minister, Maharashtra also joined the campaign



unveiling ceremony. He has appreciated the noble initiative to spread awareness of purchasing pesticides with GST bill. This is the only way to get rid of misbranded products. Praising the initiative, Dr C D Mayee emphasized on using like insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides, in optimal amount to get best results without harming soil conditions. Considering the threats of climate change Dr. Mayee said, "there is an urgent need to bring reform in the system that enables introduction of new Pesticides. Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI echoed similar views. He commented "It is important to check the sale of bio-products laced with unauthorized and unregistered chemical pesticides by dummy companies. The need of the hour is to control illegal import of pesticides by mis-declaration which is not only causing a huge loss to farmers, but also impacting the nation's revenue

collection. It poses a grave threat to India's food security and environment." ACFI is trying to create awareness against the illegal, smuggled, duplicate, counterfeit network which are deceiving the farmers and endangers our national resources. It harms the health of soil drains farmer's pocket. "In the interest of all the stakeholders of the agriculture sector, it is paramount for government undertakings and private players to work together to achieve desired objectives. Enforcement mechanism needs to improve, and miscreants need to be brought to books," said Mr. Sanjay Agrawal, Director, Indo Gulf Fertilizer. Usages of sub-lethal doses of pesticides are also a cause for worry. Last year, 9 Lacs acres of chili crops destroyed in South India, especially in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and in Telangana due to the attack of black thrips. Recently a committee under the leadership of GVL

Narasimhan formed to study the impact of Thrip attack on Chili in Southern Part of India. It revealed the nexus of illicit trader and how badly it impacts the farmers and Rural Economy. This will grossly influence the dream of Making of a 5 trillion dollar economy with one Trillion dollars coming from Agriculture. We can clearly see the scope of growth of Agriculture by increasing per hectare yield and quantum of Agri-produce in India, provided innovative technology pesticides used appropriately in the prescribed quantities. These modern technology products are not available to our farmers which is evident from the fact that out of 1,175 pesticide molecules (both chemical and biological origin) registered the World over, China has 950+, USA has 1057+, Pakistan & Vietnam have 450+, whereas only 299 molecules registered for use in India. This is because of our lax registration system, non-promotion of modern technology pesticides and usage of fake, illegal, counterfeit, misbranded pesticides. These are key reasons of the Indian GDP from Agriculture being almost a third in comparison to China. Particulars China India Arable Land (2018) 119.49 Mn ha 156.42 Mn ha

Rainfall 645 mm 1083 mm GDP (Agriculture) (2019) US\$ 1004 billion US\$ 460 billion Pesticides Consumption (2018) 13.07 kg / ha 0.34 kg / ha Fertilizers Consumption (Nitrogen + Potash + Phosphate) (2018) 346 kg / ha 161.5 kg / ha Source: Pesticides - 2018 FAO, GDP - 2019 World Bank, Fertilizer - FAO 2018, Arable land - FAO - 2018, Agriculture Land - FAO 2018 (<http://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data/RL>) About Argo Chem Federation of India Argo Chem Federation of India (ACFI) is an industry body representing manufacturers/ importers of technical and formulation of pesticides at PAN India level. ACFI has partnered with Academic Institutions, Farmer Associations, Associated Government & Non-Government Organizations, etc. We work in the interest of Farmers by educating them about Plant Protection Chemicals (Pesticides) for higher yields and better quality of agricultural produce of various crops, involving the right dose, timely and appropriate application methodology and use of PPEs. For more information: Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI, kalyan.goswami@acfiindia.com; +91-9871960014.

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गुणवत्ता युक्त इनपुट के उपयोग के बारे में बताएंगी, और ड्रोन जैसी आधुनिक तकनीक के बारे में भी बताएंगी, इसके साथ ही बिना बिल के कृषि-इनपुट की खरीद के खिलाफ भी किसानों को जागरूक करेगी। गडकरी ने कहा, 'भारत दुनिया में कृषि उपज का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा उत्पादक देश है, लेकिन इसके बावजूद अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापार में हमारे देश की हिस्सेदारी मुश्किल से 3% है। यह मुख्य रूप से कुछ अन्य देशों की तुलना में कम फसल उपज के कारण है। सही तकनीक और गुणवत्ता इनपुट का उपयोग करके फसल की पैदावार में सुधार किया जा सकता है। एसीएफआई और उसके सदस्यों की आज की पहल बहुत आगे तक जाएगी।'

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गुणवत्ता इनपुट का उपयोग करके फसल की पैदावार में सुधार किया जा सकता है। एसीएफआई और उसके सदस्यों की यह पहल बहुत आगे तक जाएगी। भारत में दुनिया का लगभग 2.4 फीसदी कृषि योग्य भूमि, 4 फीसदी जल संसाधन और दुनिया की 18 फीसदी पर आबादी है। महाराष्ट्र के कृषि मंत्री अब्दुल सत्तार भी इस अनावरण समारोह में शामिल हुए। उन्होंने जीएसटी बिल के साथ कीटनाशकों की खरीद के प्रति जागरूकता फैलाने की पहल की सराहना की और कहा कि नकली ब्रांड के उत्पादों से छुटकारा पाने का यही एकमात्र तरीका है। इस पहल की प्रशंसा करते हुए, डॉ. सी.डी. माई ने मिट्टी को नुकसान पहुंचाए बिना सर्वोत्तम परिणाम प्राप्त करने के लिए कीटनाशकों, शाकनाशी और कवकनाशी जैसे कीटनाशकों के उपयोग पर जोर दिया।

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New Delhi [India], January 17 (ANI): The Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) has urged Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to reduce import duty on crop protection chemicals and provide fiscal incentives to private players for undertaking research and development in the upcoming Union Budget for 2023-24.

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जय दिवसी, 17 जनवरी (आय) कृषि दसायन क्षेत्र से जुड़ी कंपनियों के संगठन एसीएफआई ने केंद्रीय वित्तमंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण से आगामी बजट में फसलों का संरक्षण करने वाले दसायनों पर आयात शुल्क और वस्तु एवं सेवा कर (जीएसटी) कम करने का अग्रह किया है। कठिनाइयों से जूझने वाली और आयातक ट्रेडरों का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले एग्रो केम फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (एसीएफआई) ने इस संदर्भ में वित्त मंत्रालय को विवेकपूर्ण निर्णय लेने का अनुरोध किया है।



the agro sector and the upliftment of the farmers. Also, with an investment of INR 2,516 crore for computerisation for 63,000 primary agriculture credit societies, the government has made an "agri push" for a better tomorrow. These steps will help the farmers to go to the next level of farming."



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Echoing similar views, Dr Kalyan Goswami, Director General, Agro Chem Federation of India says, "It's a very much balanced budget. The proposed Agriculture Fund would encourage agri-startups by young people in the rural segment. Modernisation of over 63,000 primary agricultural credit societies would also boost in

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इंडियन चैंबर ऑफ फूड एंड एग्रीकल्चर (आईसीएफए) के अध्यक्ष एम जे खान ने कहा, "कृषि और ग्रामीण विकास पर बजट में किए गए साहसिक प्रावधान कृषि को टिकाऊ बनाने की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देंगे और इस प्रक्रिया में किसानों के लिए आय के अधिक अवसर पैदा होंगे।"

नेशनल बल्क हैंडलिंग कॉरपोरेशन (एनबीएचसी) के प्रबंध निदेशक और सीईओ रमेश दोरईस्वामी ने कहा, कुल मिलाकर बजट कृषि क्षेत्र के लिए एक सकारात्मक दृष्टिकोण प्रस्तुत करता है और कृषि-प्रौद्योगिकी कंपनियों के विकास पर इसका सकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ने की

Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) said, "As per the Economic Survey, the agriculture sector grew 4.6% annually in the last 6 years. It is a very good sign. Key factors boosting the sector include higher MSP extended by the government. It is also attributed to growing agri-related credit, income support schemes, and insurances. We urge for the agri related credit and income schemes to continue in the future too."



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ACFI Wants Government to Reduce Import Duty and GST on Crop Protection Chemicals

By Chemical Industry Digest January 18, 2023



The Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) urging the finance minister to reduce import duty on crop protection chemicals in the forthcoming union budget. Besides, it also wants fiscal incentives for private players for undertaking research and development in association with Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). Parikshit Mundhra, Chairman, ACFI, comments, "Observing that India has not invented any new crop protection chemical molecules in recent years because the cost of discovery to commercialisation is around \$280mn spread over ten years. India presently has no choice but to import to ensure that Indian farmers are not deprived of new technological crop protection solutions."

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