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About ACFI

The Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) is a dynamic policy platform representing approximately 75-80% of the Indian agrochemical industry. We partner with academic institutions, farmer associations, the Government and non-government departments to promote sustainability in agriculture and support the agro-based industry.

We are dedicated towards promoting the safe and judicious use of agrochemicals and eco-friendly technologies and products. We educate Indian farmers on the proper use of crop protection chemicals to achieve higher yields and better crop quality while emphasising the correct dosage, timely application, appropriate methodology, and the use of PPE for safety.



Chairman's Message



I take this opportunity to thank you for your overwhelming support to ACFI and me for the last 4 years under my chairmanship. 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 Indian Crop Protection Chemical Industry in a transparent, 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 agrochemical industry through Kisan Kalyan Karyakram.

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) as an industry body, is keen to facilitate the agrochemical 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 to promoting the safe and judicious use of Agrochemicals as we work towards the sustainability of the Indian agriculture sector. We have taken up an awareness campaign among the farmers for purchasing genuine Crop Protection Chemical against the 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 policy platform.

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.

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 5000 villages in Haryana, Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Now we shall organize such awareness campaigns 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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Obituary



*In loving memory of
Shri Rajendra Dev Kapoor
6th Jan 1953- 17th July 2025*

Our beloved Industry veteran, Shri Rajendra Dev Kapoor, has left us on 17th July 2025.

His wisdom, dedication, and unwavering support were instrumental in shaping the path of our industry. As a mentor, he has not only led with knowledge but also with humility and grace.

We will miss his invaluable guidance, his calm presence, and the integrity he brought to every endeavour.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Governing Council

Management Committee



Parikshit Mundhra
Chairman
(Willowood Chemicals Ltd.)



Dr. Suresh Ramachandran
Vice Chairman
(Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd.)



Abhijit Bose
General Secretary
(Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.)



Sanjay Aggarwal
Treasurer
(Indogulf CropScience Ltd.)

Members



RG Agarwal
(Dhanuka Agritech Ltd.)



Atul Churiwal
(Krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Ltd.)



Keshav Anand
(Parijat Industries India Ltd.)



Bhavesh Shah
(GSP Crop Science Ltd.)



Ankur Aggarwal
(Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.)



Dr. KN Singh
(Gharda Chemicals Ltd.)



Raju Kapoor
(FMC India Ltd.)



NK Rajavelu
(Godrej Agrovet Ltd.)



Huzefa Khorakiwala
(Biostadt India Ltd.)



Sanjay Jhaver
(Tropical Agrosystem (India) Pvt. Ltd.)



Abhishek Aggarwal
(BR Agrotech Ltd.)



SK Chaudhary
(Safex Chemicals India Ltd.)



Dinkar Joshi
(Shriram Fertilisers & Chemicals)

Special Interest Groups

Technical & Regulatory Committee

- **P.J Suresh, Bayer CropScience Ltd. (Chairman)**
- Dr. Arpita Roy, Adama India Pvt. Ltd.
- Abhijit Todkari, Albaugh LLC
- Dr. Ranjesh Singh, Bharat Certis Agri Science Ltd.
- Tariq Anwar, Bharat Certis Agri Science Ltd.
- Sushil Kumar Mishra, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.
- Girish Ahuja, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.
- Vishwanath Gade, Coromandel International Ltd.
- S.K. Pal, Chambal Fertilisers & Chemicals Ltd.
- Deepa Batra, FMC India Ltd.
- Dr. Pinki Bhandari, Gharda Chemicals Ltd.
- Sushil Gather, Godrej Agrovvet Ltd.
- Alok Paliwal, GSP Crop Science Ltd.
- Snehal Desai, Hikal Ltd.
- Dr. Uday Srivastava, Ichiban Crop Science Ltd.
- Sanjay Chaudhary, Indogulf Crop Sciences Pvt. Ltd.
- Prajwal Nalawade, Indofil Industries Pvt. Ltd.
- Jitendra Pathak, Indofil Industries Pvt. Ltd.
- Suresh Pithlera, Krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Ltd.
- Tilak Raj Arora, Mahamaya LifeSciences Pvt. Ltd.
- Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Mahindra Summit Agritech Ltd.
- Anju Sharma, Mankind Agritech Ltd.
- Dr. A. Kuppusamya, NACL Industries Ltd.
- Chandramohana TG, NATCO Pharma Ltd.
- Gaurao Paliwal, Parijat Industries India Pvt. Ltd.
- Vandana Takhi, Parijat Industries India Pvt. Ltd.
- Praful Bhamre, PI Industries Ltd.
- Dr. Amitava Sanyal, Sumitomo Chemicals Ltd.
- Amit Kumar, Sumitomo Chemicals Ltd.
- Rajesh Dhawan, Syngenta India Ltd.

- Dr. Manish Jain, Syngenta India Ltd.
- Rajesh Mathew, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.
- Tarak Chakraborty, Tropical Agrosystem (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- Sanjay Singh, Willowood Chemicals Ltd.
- Mayank Singhal, Willowood Chemicals Ltd.

Secretariat Committee

- **Abhijit Bose, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd. (Chairman)**
- Sanjay Aggarwal, Indogulf Crop Sciences Pvt. Ltd
- Dr. Suresh Ramachandran, Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd
- Sanjay Jhaver, Tropical Agrosystem (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Kisan Kalyan Karyakram Committee

- **RG Agarwal, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd. (Chairman)**
- Sameer Saluja, Albaugh LLC
- Purnajit Bhowmick, Crystal Crop Protection
- Jaman Talavia, Dharmaj Crop Guard Ltd.
- Soni Mumgai, FMC India Ltd.
- Anil Choubey, Godrej Agrovet Ltd.
- Deepakbhai Patel, GSP Crop Science Ltd.
- Alok Palival, GSP Crop Science Ltd.
- Vandana Takhi, Parijat Industries India Pvt. Ltd.

Minutes of 7th Annual General Meeting

Date: 3rd September 2024

Venue: Holiday Inn (Aerocity), New Delhi

Agenda:

ACFI AGM		
01:00 - 02:30 PM	Registration & Networking Lunch	
02:30 - 02:40 PM	Welcome Address	Director General
02:40 - 02:50 PM	Opening Remarks	Chairman
02:50 - 02:55 PM	Confirmation of MoM of the 6th AGM	Director General
02:55 - 03:10 PM	Annual Report Presentation	General Secretary
03:10 - 03:25 PM	Technical Report Presentation	Chairman- Technical and Regulatory Committee
03:25 - 03:40 PM	Kisan Kalyan Report Presentation	Chairman - Kisan Kalyan Committee
03:40 - 03:50 PM	Balance Sheet for FY 2023-24	Treasurer
03:50 - 03:55 PM	Appointment of Auditor for FY 2024-25	Director General
03:55 - 04:05 PM	ACFI Budget for FY 2024-25	Director General
04:05- 04:10 PM	Vote of Thanks	Vice Chairman

The 7th Annual General Meeting of ACFI was held on September 3, 2024, at Holiday Inn (Aerocity), New Delhi, from 2:30 PM onwards. The list of attendees is in Annexure 1. The discussions and decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

- Ms. Simranjeet Kaur, Sr. Public Relations Officer, ACFI, welcomed the general body to the 7TH Annual General Meeting of ACFI and requested Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI, to deliver his opening remarks.
- Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI, began the meeting after ensuring the quorum and welcomed the General Body members to the 7th Annual General

Meeting of ACFI. He thanked all the members for their support and the Governing Council for their guidance in doing a commendable job in the policy and stewardship front. He appreciated all the members for their proactive involvement and larger participation. He further mentioned that over the last three years, under the guidance of our Management Committee, ACFI has maintained compliance norms and streamlined its operations.

- Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Chairman, ACFI, 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 and democratic association in the industry, as it encompasses manufacturers, and we appreciate the constant support of all governing council members. He further mentioned that the intention to form ACFI was to establish a democratic public body that would work towards the betterment of the agrochemical Industry and the agriculture fraternity as a whole, which we have achieved with the support and guidance of our members.

Confirmation of MoM of the 6th AGM

- Ms. Simranjeet Kaur, Sr. Public Relations Officer, ACFI has sought confirmation on the Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting held on 6th September 2024, New Delhi:
- The Minutes were approved by Shri Abhishek Aggarwal & seconded by Shri SK Chaudhary with the concurrence of all the members.

.ACFI Annual Report Presentation:

- Shri Abhijit Bose, General Secretary of ACFI, has mentioned that ACFI is performing exceptionally well in this sector. We have completed 7 years and have established ourselves as the true platform for policy interventions and a vocal flag-waver for the entire Indian Agro Chemical Industry. He thanked all the Governing Council members for their active participation in the association, as their inputs and suggestions had helped ACFI become the leading agrochemical association.
- ACFI has gained popularity in the industry/ Government (State & Centre). This association was founded with just 15 members, and today ACFI has 38 PAN-India members, making us the true definition of a democratic and inclusive organisation.
- ACFI is dedicated towards promoting the safe and judicious use of Agrochemicals as we work towards the sustainability of Indian Agriculture. To achieve this, we have partnered with numerous academic institutions, Farmer Associations, and associated government and non-government departments.

- We are also actively working towards advancing the Agricultural sector, keeping up with Government policies, policy interventions, and Registration Committee meetings, among other initiatives.
- We have initiated the stewardship program “Kisan Kalyan Karyakram” to educate and raise awareness among farmers about best practices for buying, storing, and using crop protection chemicals. We ran the campaign in 3,000 villages across Haryana, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. He also appreciated all the work done by the Kisan Kalyan committee and the exceptional help and guidance from Shri RG Agarwal.
- Lastly, he welcomed the new members of ACFI.

1. Bayer Crop Science Limited
2. Deepak Nitrite Limited
3. Hikal Limited
4. PI Industries Limited
5. Sumitomo Chemical India Limited
6. Shriram Fertilisers & Chemicals
7. Chambal Fertilisers & Chemicals
8. FMC India Private Limited
9. Mahindra Summit Agriscience
10. Mankind Agritech Private Limited
11. Biostadt India Limited
12. Rotam Crop Protection Private Limited
13. Br Agrotech Limited
14. Dharmaj Crop Guard Limited
15. Syngenta India Private Limited
16. Bharat Certis Agriscience Limited
17. Adama India Private Limited
18. Coromandel International Limited

Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting Report:

- Shri P.J. Suresh, Chairman of the Technical & Regulatory Committee, ACFI, thanked the Governing Council members for the opportunity to lead the Technical & Regulatory Committee. It has been a good journey for him and for the association. He highlighted that we have made significant progress over the last year, with the support of not only the management committee members but also all members of the technical committee. He further thanked all the Technical Committee members for their enthusiastic participation.
- Technical Issues:

Duplicate data to CIB&RC on monthly production sale, stock, distribution, etc, which is a duplicate of efforts. We made a representation on this matter and spoke with the Secretary of CIB regarding it.

New Molecule issue: approval will be given within 1.5-2 years, but there is no provision in the Crop Portal yet.

KYC, a new format, is available, which will help weed out the illegal players from the market, and we welcome the decision of CIBRC.

- Processes:

The Delay in issuance of the registration certificate, pending approvals, and other issues: There has been good progress since the new Secretary took office; however, at the same time, the new certificates have raised many challenges, such as incorrect company names or incorrect molecule names. All these operational issues are present, and our team is working on addressing them.

Request to publish the pending Minutes of the Open House Meeting with Pesticide Associations held on 20th December 2023: Last year, there was a very productive meeting of the associations with the CIB&RC, but unfortunately, the Minutes of the meeting are still pending. We have covered many topics, but we are still pushing to publish the minutes.

- Guidelines

Suggestions /Comments on the guidelines for registration under import for export of the Export Category. We gave some suggestions on the Guidelines for the import and export of the export categories. It's our duty to educate them, which benefits everybody when we work together.

Clarity in guidelines on Bio-stimulants under FCO, 1985. We face challenges in issuing G3 and G4 certificates for product approvals. Our efforts are still with them, as we are aware that there is a manpower issue at CIBRC.

Minor change in formulation: Comments from stakeholders on the Guidance document. Over the last few years, numerous advocacy and policy efforts have taken shape, resulting in Minor changes to guidelines. We can expect to receive the formal outcome from the regulators very soon.

- Policy Advocacy

We have made representations to various government departments, including the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Agriculture, the DGFT, and the DCPC. Still, in many places, the work is in progress. In the annual report, we have also mentioned the areas we are still working on, and we will soon be able to close these issues as well.

- Stakeholders Outreach

ACFI has also held a joint meeting of CIB&RC, the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, and the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare on BIS

Standards for Agrochemicals. We also had a specific representation to the state government (Telangana) for the Prevention of Dangerous Activities.

- Issue Management

There are two issues: the use of Paraquat and Glyphosate in the state of Odisha, which the Punjab Government later followed. We have highlighted these issues, made representations, and met with them regarding the same. We will continue our efforts in this regard.

- Industry Collaborations

We collaborated with other industry associations and provided input to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Commerce, which was then submitted to the Secretary of Plant Protection. Suddenly, the Maharashtra state government introduced specific bills that challenged the license, and we also provided our input.

Kisan Kalyan Karyakram Report Presentation:

- Shri RG Agarwal, Chairman, Kisan Kalyan Committee, presented the activities done by ACFI from Sept 2023 to July 2024 under the following categories:

- 1.v Jago Kisan Jago Campaign
- 2.v Perception Management Program
- 3.v Social Media Campaign
- 4.v Live Farmers' Meetings
- 5.v Farmer Testimonies

- OBJECTIVE:

- 1.To educate farmers and spread the message that using the right pesticides can significantly increase their crop yield.
- 2.To buy agrochemicals with the GST Bill only.
- 3.To consult the KVK Scientists, Agriculture officers, and Agri University professors before buying any product.
- 4.To use the agrochemicals judiciously as prescribed in the product leaflet.
- 5.To dispel the myths against the use of Agrochemicals.

- The same was unanimously appreciated by the Governing body.

Balance Sheet 2023-24 Presentation:

- Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Treasurer, ACFI, presented the Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure Account as on March 31, 2024. The same was placed before the board for their approval and was approved by Shri Parikshit Mundhra with the concurrence of other members.

To Appoint an Auditor for the year 2023-24

- As per the statutory requirements, Dr. Kalyan Goswami proposed that DEVESH PAREKH & CO. may be appointed as the statutory associates of the society. It was approved by Shri RG Agarwal and seconded by Shri Abhjit Bose with the concurrence of the members.

Budget for FY 2024-25

- Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI, presented the ACFI Budget for FY 2024-25, which the Governing Council has already approved, but as per section 4C of the Society Act, this needs the concurrence of the General Body. Shri Parikshit Mundhra approved the same with the concurrence of other members.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr Suresh Ramachandran, Vice Chairman, ACFI. He thanked all the members for joining the AGM and sharing their views on various issues. He appreciated the contribution and commitment of the ACFI Management Committee and Secretariat in taking ACFI to new heights.

Minutes of 13th Governing Council Meeting

Date: 11th November 2024

Venue: Bayer CropScience Ltd.

Time: 2:00 PM onwards

The 13th Governing Council meeting of ACFI was held on 11th November 2024, at the office of Bayer CropScience Ltd. The List of attendees is in Annexure 1. The agenda and decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI, initiated the meeting by welcoming all the attendees and thanking Shri P.J. Suresh, Bayer CropScience Ltd., for hosting the GC meeting. He thanked all the GC members for their continued support and guidance.

Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Chairman of ACFI, delivered his opening remarks and welcomed all attendees to the 13th GC Meeting. Further, he informed the group that we have also added India Insecticides Limited & Saraswati Group as ACFI Members, and Sumisho Agro India Pvt. Ltd. Will also join ACFI soon.

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

- Confirmation of MoM of the last GC meeting
- ATR of the last GC meeting
- Technical & Regulatory issues
- Activities of ACFI to be done by 31st March 2024
- Discussion on ACFI Legal Cases
- Any other point with the permission of the chair
- Vote of Thanks

Confirmation of the MoM of the last GC meeting

- As the statutory requirement, Dr. Kalyan Goswami sought confirmation on the MoM of the last GC Meeting. 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's Agenda points.

Agenda	Action to be taken as advised by the GC	Status
TI vs TIM	It is suggested to pursue the legal route jointly with other Associations	ACFI will pursue the Legal route with other Associations
The illegal ban on the sale, stock, distribution, manufacturing, and use Paraquat	It is a Sub-Judice Matter	
3D Regulatory Reforms	Submitted the points on which all the associations has agreed	Submitted to MoA&FW

Regulatory & Technical Issues

- 3D Regulatory Reforms

Shri Parikshit Mundhra informed the members that a joint Representation has been submitted to Shri Faiz Ahmad Kidwai, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, on 18th October 2024, on:

- 1.Safety & Efficacy Issues,
- 2.Rationalisation of Data Requirement,
- 3.Outsourcing of Toxicity, Chemistry Data
- 4.Rationalisation of Repeat Registration,
- 5.Strengthening of R&D,
- 6.Guidelines for Exports Registration of Banned Products,
- 7.Guidelines for Dual-Use Insecticides,
- 8.Processing of MRL Applications,
- 9.Icar Approval on Bio-Efficacy,
- 10.Crop Grouping for MRL Purposes,
- 11.Issues Related to TI Vs TIM,
- 12.Minor Changes in Formulations,
- 13.Reconstitution of Registration Committee

These will also be discussed on 26th November in a whole-day joint meeting with the Heads of all the Associations in Delhi to discuss the issues.

- Glyphosate through PCOs

Shri P.J. Suresh informed the members that the Secretary of CIB&RC & Chairman of RC have considered forming a separate committee to discuss the pending label claims.

- TI vs TIM

Shri Parikshit Mundhra updated the members that these guidelines, which were scrapped in the 374th RC and reaffirmed in the 375th RC meeting, contradict the "Make in India" initiative by encouraging imports over domestic manufacturing, particularly from unregistered sources such as China.

Dr. Kalyan Goswami added that the decision taken in 432 RC, agenda 10.11, is Sub judice and under active guidelines. Furthermore, he said that companies that have applied for the RTT Permit and generated the necessary data will be considered in accordance with the existing policies.

Despite these decisions, judicial directives and misrepresentation by applicants have led to continued registrations, as highlighted in the case of M/s. Rainbow Agrosiences Pvt. Ltd, which ACFI has been advocating against, stating that, as the matter is status quo, only the list of 114 pending files (already submitted in the RC under RTT Permit) should be considered.

PMFAI has also sent a representation, as per the ACFI line, to Shri Faiz Ahmad Kidwai, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, on 28th October 2024, to cease granting registrations for imports of Technical Grade Pesticides under category u/s 9(3) TI versus. TIM.

Shri R.G Aggarwal will liaison on this issue before taking any Legal Actions.

ACFI will pursue a legal route in conjunction with other associations, as discussed, and also obtain a legal opinion on this matter.

- Fixation of MRL

Delays in fixing Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for pesticides approved by the CIB&RC are hindering the timely availability of new agricultural technologies. Despite prior agreements in the 243rd RC meeting, the Ministry of Health has not adhered to procedures for expediting MRL fixation. Regular meetings of the SPPR are not being held, and the pending minutes from July 2024 are still outstanding.

Shri Ankur Aggarwal updated the members that, in a meeting with the Secretary & PS to the Minister (Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare), it was suggested to hold an Inter-Ministry Meeting to resolve this issue. However, setting up the meeting would take around 15-30 days.

Shri R.G Aggarwal suggested sending a letter to Anupriya Patel (Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare), Deepankar Aron (JS Chemicals) from ACFI. A draft letter will be shared with the ACFI secretariat by Shri R.G. Aggarwal to expedite the process.

Discussion on ACFI Legal Cases

- Ban on Paraquat

The Odisha Government justified its temporary ban on Paraquat under Section 27 of the Insecticides Act, 1968, citing field reports and medical data highlighting its fatal toxicity, high mortality rates, and lack of an antidote. The ban was supported by findings from VIMSAR Medical Institute, which reported a mortality rate of over 80% among Paraquat poisoning cases, and OUAT's classification of the chemical as highly toxic. Alternatives like Glufosinate Ammonium, deemed safer, were suggested. The government also noted the continuation of investigations into the matter and the extension of the ban due to ongoing safety concerns.

ACFI has filed a WRIT in the Hon'ble High Court of Odisha.

- TI vs TIM

ACFI will take legal opinion on this matter to understand the complexities and will go ahead and pursue a legal route together with other associations, as discussed.

- Glyphosate

Dr. Kalyan Goswami informed the members about a meeting held with the Joint Secretary and representatives of all four associations, led by Shri Anil Kakkar. During the discussion, the government emphasised the importance of ensuring the safe use of pesticides and encouraged associations to take the initiative in educating farmers through awareness programs like 'Jago Kisan Jago,' which was appreciated by the Joint Secretary.

Shri Raju Kapoor suggested that the industry should collaborate with KVKs to initiate stewardship programs and keep the Joint Secretary informed about these efforts. Shri R.G. Aggarwal informed the members that during a discussion with the Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, it was confirmed that a meeting involving all associations will be held before 20th November.

Any other points with the permission of the chair

- Unprecedented Testing of Pendimethalin for Unidentified Impurities

Shri Alok Paliwal (GSP Crop Science Ltd) elaborated the issue that Agrochemical industry is currently facing significant challenges regarding the testing and safety evaluations of pendimethalin, a widely used herbicide. Recent reports have highlighted the presence of N-Nitrosamine compounds associated with pendimethalin. This unidentified impurity is categorised as a potential carcinogen, and concerns have been raised about its levels, which have not been assigned

specific maximum limits or permissible limits in India. Consequently, this situation has led to the abeyance of pendimethalin products in the Indian market.

ACFI will be able to support if needed once GSP CropScience completes the process and updates the feedback at the next GC Meeting.

- ACFI may apply for CSR Funds from the members for ACFI KISAN KALYAN KARYAKARAM. ACFI will take the Legal Opinion on this.
- Issues with online sales & the need for guidelines

ACFI will seek support from Shri RG Agarwal to draft a representation on this matter and will submit it to the relevant authorities as needed.

The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks from Shri Abhijit Bose, GS, ACFI. He further requested that members block their calendars for January 20, 2025, for the next GC meeting.

Minutes of 14th Governing Council Meeting

Date: 20th February 2025

Venue: Holiday Inn, Aerocity

Time: 2:00 PM onwards

The 14th Governing Council meeting of ACFI was held on 20 February 2025, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Aerocity. The List of attendees is in Annexure 1. The agenda and decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General of ACFI, initiated the meeting by welcoming all attendees. He has mentioned that since the last GC, we have dealt with various policy and regulatory issues, which will be discussed later in the meeting & thanked all the GC members for their continued support and guidance.

Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Chairman of ACFI, delivered his opening remarks and welcomed all attendees to the 14th GC Meeting. Furthermore, he has informed the group that we have also added the Saraswati Group as ACFI Members, and Sumisho Agro India Pvt. Ltd. will likely join ACFI from April 1, 2025.

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

- Confirmation of the MoM of the last GC meeting
- ATR of the previous GC meeting
- Technical & Regulatory issues

1. Government Proposal on Custom Duty Hike
2. Change of HSN code (Budget 2025)
3. Change in Guidelines for import from Approved Sources in case of 9(4) – Technical Import Registration

- Any other point, with the permission of the chair
- Vote of Thanks

Confirmation of the MoM of the last GC meeting

- As the statutory requirement, Dr. Kalyan Goswami sought confirmation on the MoM of the last GC Meeting. The same was approved with the concurrence of all the members.
- Shri Ankur Aggarwal suggested that we should also obtain approval for our minutes from the Company Secretary.

ATR of the last GC meeting

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

Agenda	Status	Action to be taken as advised by the GC
TI vs TIM- ACFI will pursue legal route after through discussions with the additional Secretary.	We met Shri Faiz Ahmad Kidwai, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and discussed on the same, he has assured that the department will investigate this properly.	ACFI will withdraw the WRIT and would request PMFAI to do the same.
Fixation of MRL- send a letter to Anupriya Patel (Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare), Deepankar Aron (JS Chemicals) from ACFI.	Done	ACFI will compile a list of all the issues pertaining to MRL and will again take it up with the Department to reach a viable solution.
Issues with online sales & need of guidelines	RG sir has taken the lead on this	ACFI Will submit the final letter on this by end of February.

Technical & Regulatory issues

- Government Proposal on Custom Duty Hike

The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare sent a letter on 09.01.2025, seeking information on the impact of the enhancement of Customs Duty on the import of technical grade & readymade formulations for the agrochemical sector.

ACFI has already submitted the letter; however, ACFI shall utilise the services of a third-party agency to conduct market research on India's import and export capabilities (molecule-wise) in conjunction with CLI.

- Change of HSN code (Budget 2025)

In the recent budget 2025, the government decided to shift all technical imports to Chapter 29 and formulated imports of pesticides to Chapter 38.

ACFI will seek a legal opinion on this matter, and based on the opinion, we will liaise with the government and request a meeting with the Joint Secretary.

- **Change in Guidelines for import from Approved Sources in case of 9(4) – Technical Import Registration**

Under the existing guideline, the Indian company holding a 9(3) - Technical Import registration has no role in issuing consent letters for 9(4) - Technical Import registrations to other Indian companies. This contradicts the principle of natural justice, as the ownership of registration lies with the Indian company, not the approved manufacturer/source company. India is the only country following this practice.

The DG has informed the GC that this matter is subjudice. While we have reached out to the department to make the necessary changes to the 9(4) TI Consent guidelines, we will also consult with the lawyer.

Any other points with the permission of the chair

- **BIS Standards of Pesticides (QCO)**

The Governing Council observed that the Department of Chemical & Petrochemical have been adding many molecules under QCO & mandating the same for pesticides.

It was suggested that ACFI should obtain a legal opinion to understand the legal implications of bringing pesticides under the BIS QCO, given that the Insecticide Act is already in place.

- **Quality Assurance**

Our Governing Council has observed that, in our industry, we need to work towards Quality Assurance in imports. To work on this and liaison with the government a Quality Assurance Committee have been formed with the following members:

- a) Mr. Raju Kapoor, FMC India Pvt. Ltd.
- b) Mr. Abhishek Agarwal, BR Agrotech Ltd.
- c) Mr. Abhishek Khandelwal, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.
- d) Mr. Jitendra Mohan, Willowood Chemicals Ltd.

Furthermore, we can also request that the department test the import samples at the port before they are shipped.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from Shri Abhijit Bose, General Secretary, ACFI, he further informed the members that the next GC meeting will be held in April 2025 in Mumbai at Biostadt Office, the date will be communicated to the members in the meantime.

Minutes of 15th Governing Council Meeting

Date: 2nd May 2025

Venue: Sumitomo Office, New Delhi

Time: 2:00 PM onwards

The 15th Governing Council meeting of ACFI was held on May 2, 2025, at the Sumitomo Office in New Delhi. The List of attendees is in Annexure 1. The agenda and decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General of ACFI, initiated the meeting by welcoming all attendees and thanking Sumitomo for hosting the event. He mentioned that this is the first GC meeting of FY 2025-26; therefore, the committee needs to approve the budget and initiate discussions on the upcoming AGM. He further mentioned that with the help of the Secretariat Committee and the Technical & Regulatory Committee, ACFI is making headway on the policy and compliance front and thanked them for all their support and guidance.

Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Chairman of ACFI, delivered his opening remarks and welcomed all attendees to the 15th GC Meeting. Furthermore, he informed the group that ACFI has been jointly working with CLI, CCFI & PMFAI, which has proven beneficial in liaising with the government on various issues; however, there are still some issues that have not been agreed upon by all the associations.

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

- Confirmation of the MoM of the last GC meeting
- ATR of the last GC meeting
- Technical & Regulatory Presentation
- Draft Budget for FY 2025-26
- Discussion AGM 2025 Date
- Update on website Search engine
- Quarterly SMO & SEO Report
- Any other point, with the permission of the chair
- Vote of Thanks

Confirmation of the MoM of the last GC meeting

- As the statutory requirement, Dr. Kalyan Goswami sought confirmation on the MoM of the last GC Meeting. 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's Agenda points.

Agenda	Status
TI vs TIM- ACFI will pursue legal route after through discussions with the additional Secretary.	We have initiated the withdrawal of the WRIT
Government Proposal on Custom duty hike	We have submitted the representation
Change of HSN code	We have submitted the representation

Technical & Regulatory Presentation

- Shri Manish Jain gave the Technical & Regulatory committee presentation to the members.

Agenda	Status	Action to be taken
Resolution for MRL related issues with		ACFI will take this up with the concerned department
Approval of Minor Change in formulation	Regulatory acceptance of minor changes in formulation, which will enable industry to introduce the same formulation with minor amendment in the formulation.	Following action item decided. 1.Understand CLI view on 9(4) issuance as minor change. 2.Whether minor change is allowed for patented formulation. 3.Submit deliberation to CIB as individual or as joint submission with CLI.
Crop Grouping Scheme and Approval by CIB & RC	Approval of crop grouping scheme enabling broader label claims with fewer data requirements (We are negotiating residue data requirement with FSSAI). Dr. Manish Jain expressed the non alignment of agrochemicals with FSSAI.	Meet Chairman, SPPR (Dr Paresh Shah) to explain our view and understand more on the subject (i.e. 8 location residue data requirement).

Drone Use Approval – Extension Granted	one-year extension has been granted for the use of drones in pesticide application. The current approval is set to expire in April.	Submit a representation to get further extension from CIB
Biostimulant Registration	Pursuing extension of provisional registration and fast-tracking product inclusion in Schedule VI.	PR is expiring on 16th June; therefore, we need to submit deliberation to INM department for following key points. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Permission to liquidate stock till shelf-life period after 16th June. 2. Fast track review for permanent registration application 3. Clarity for those applicants, who have submitted data for permanent registration but review is under progress with INM
Labelling-Related Matters with Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)	It was decided to prepare a draft letter addressed to CIB&RC	Short calls on the subject is needed with the technical committee.

Draft Budget for FY 2025-26

- Dr. Kalyan Goswami presented the draft budget for FY 2025-26, which was already approved by the Secretariat Committee. GC has deliberated and approved the same.

Discussion AGM 2025 Date

- The GC has decided to hold the 8th AGM of ACFI on 11th September 2025 (Thursday).
- It was also decided that ACFI will give an award to a prestigious scientist and farmer for their contribution to the Indian Agricultural scenario.
- The committee suggested that this year's theme should focus on Tech & Innovation in Agriculture, highlighting how these innovations support sustainable agriculture.

- The ACFI secretariat will share a draft proposal with the GC, including the Budget, Theme, Venue, Speakers, and invitees.

Update on website Search engine

- Ms Simranjeet Kaur presented the beta version of the search engine that we are creating, wherein anyone can search the info on registered agrochemical products by pest, crop or product name.
- The committee suggested that we identify our target audience and, based on the results, further bifurcate the sections for easier understanding. As the data will need to be manually segregated, ACFI shall hire an intern to work on this, preferably one who has the technical acumen.
- The committee also suggested that the data should be in both English and Hindi.

Quarterly SMO & SEO Report

- Ms Simranjeet Kaur further presented the quarterly report of ACFI SMO & SEO achievements, in the last 3 months our Instagram interaction has increased by 904%, Facebook reach has increased by 407% and website visits has increased from 11.7k to 155k.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Treasurer, ACFI. He further informed the members that the next GC meeting will be held on 2nd July 2025 at the Shriram Chemicals office in Gurugram.

Minutes of 16th Governing Council Meeting

Date: 2nd July 2025

Venue: DCM Shriram Ltd.

Time: 2:00 PM onwards

The 16th Governing Council meeting of ACFI was held on 2nd July 2025, at DCM Shriram Ltd. Office. The List of attendees is in Annexure 1. The agenda and decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI, initiated the meeting by welcoming all the attendees and thanking DCM Shriram for hosting the meeting. He mentioned that this is the last GC meeting before the AGM, thus there are many agendas need to be approved. He further noted that with the help of the Secretariat Committee and the Technical & Regulatory Committee, ACFI is making headway on the policy and compliance front and thanked them for all their support and guidance.

Shri Sanjay Chhabra, ED, DCM Shriram Ltd., thanked all the members for joining the meeting at the DCM office and appreciated the proactive approach of ACFI in handling policy & technical issues.

Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Chairman, ACFI gave his opening remarks and welcomed all the attendees for 16th GC Meeting. He informed the group that Sumisho has joined ACFI & Rallis will also be joining soon. Further, ACFI has been jointly working with CLI, CCFI & PMFAI, which has proven to be beneficial in liasoning with the government on various issues, however, there are still some issues which are not agreed upon by all the associations.

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

1. Confirmation of MoM of the last GC meeting
2. ATR of the last GC meeting
3. Technical & Regulatory Presentation
4. Discussion on 8th AGM 2025
5. Initiation of GC Election 2025-27
6. Endorsement of Presiding Officer
7. Any other point with the permission of the chair
8. Vote of Thanks by General Secretary, ACFI

Confirmation of MoM of the last GC meeting

- As the statutory requirement Dr. Kalyan Goswami sought the confirmation on MoM of the last GC Meeting. 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.

Agenda	Status
Approval of Minor Change in formulation	We have submitted the representation
Discussion on Biostimulant Registration	ACFI will file a WRIT in Delhi high court
Labelling-Related Matters with Ministry of Agriculture	We have submitted the representation

Technical & Regulatory Presentation

- Shri PJ Suresh, Chairman of the Technical & Regulatory Committee, delivered the committee's presentation to its members.

Agenda	Status	Action to be taken
Biostimulant Registration	The provisional registration for biostimulants expired on 16th June 2025 without any extension from the government. ACFI will go ahead with the WRIT in Delhi High Court after the courts open in 7th July.	As the Department has not taken our request into consideration ACFI shall be filling WRIT in Delhi High Court jointly with BASAI under cost sharing basis.
Labelling	Space constraints for small packs (e.g., 100 ml). Abbreviated composition for small packs (Needs to be deliberated as it is already approved by RC) The secondary package approved in the beginning does not have RC references, so request for the availability of them. It will avoid repetition of TWT study for other applicants.	ACFI will take this up with the department concerned with the following concerns: The requirement for ultra small and small packs should be the same. ACFI will send a letter to the Secretary CIB & RC and will also seek appointment.

Minor Change vs. IP Protection	There is a need to Align minor change policy with IP rights as some of the organizations are exploiting the gap for their benefit and are undermining the patent	ACFI Will take a legal opinion on this before reaching out to the government.
MRL - Crop grouping concept	Scientific committee on pesticide residues is of the view that 8 location data should be submitted for the representative crop, in harmonization with CODEX requirements.	Plan to have joint meeting with CLI team to arrive at consensus. At least for new submissions, suggest applicants to go in for 8 location data, which will be beneficial in the long run and avoid trade disruptions.
Discussion on Glyphosate Court Case	A meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (PP) on 25.06.2025 at 2.30 to discuss the issues related to restriction on use of glyphosate. The meeting was convened in continuation of the last meeting dated 25.10.2024 held in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi but was exploring in intent as Joint Secretary (PP) Chaired this meeting for the first time.	The industry needs to submit the year wise data (for last 5 years) of import/manufacture and consumption of glyphosate and its alternatives to the CIB&RC by 15.7.2025.

Discussion on 8th AGM 2025

- Dr. Kalyan Goswami informed the members that we will be holding the ACFI 8th AGM on 11th September 2025 at Holiday Inn, Aerocity.
- The group suggested that, as per last year, we should reach out to E&Y, KPMG or PWC as a knowledge partner.
- ACFI will follow the plenary session format, the same as last year, as that generated good publicity. Further, we can also invite young agritech entrepreneurs, speakers from KKR, Blackstone & HSBC, Prof. Ramesh Chand, Shri Amitab Kant & Chairman Niti Ayog.
- Dr. Kalyan Goswami, with the help of Shri RD Kapoor and Shri Raju Kapoor, will finalise the AGM Theme and agenda and will circulate it to the members by 15th July 2025.
- Dr. Kalyan Goswami proposed the budget for AGM, which was approved by the committee.

Initiation of GC Election 2025-27

- Dr. Kalyan Goswami informed the members that the GC Election will take place on 11th September 2025, immediately after the AGM gets over (between 3:30-4:00 PM) – Hotel Holiday Inn, Aerocity. There are 15 (Fifteen) GC member positions to be filled.
- Declaring the GC Election, 21st July 2025 (along with Nomination Paper)
- Nomination filing last date is 20th August 2025, 5 PM (Members having no dues as on 19th August can file the Nomination)
- Scrutiny and Publication of valid Nominee list, 20th August 2025 (6 PM)
- Withdrawal of Nomination by mail/letter, 25th August 2025 (5 PM)
- Final candidates list along with the valid Voters list to be published on 25th August 2025 (6 PM)

Endorsement of the Presiding Officer

- The committee appointed Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI as the Presiding Officer.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from Shri Abhijit Bose, General Secretary, ACFI.

Various Meetings of FY 2024-25

1st Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting, Bayer CropScience Pvt. Ltd. (7th October 2024)



13th Governing Council Meeting, Bayer Crop Science Ltd. (11th November 2024)



Train the Trainer program, Anand Agriculture University, Anand, Gujarat (12th November 2024)



Joint Association Meeting, New Delhi (26th November 2024)



2nd Technical and Regulatory Committee Meeting, Sumitomo Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd. (27th January 2025)



14th Governing Council Meeting, Holiday Inn, Aerocity (20th February 2025)



ACFI & ASCI panel discussion on "Bridging the Skill Gap in Agrochemicals: How Apprenticeships Can Drive Growth", Indian Habitat Centre (IHC), Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 110003 (21st March .2025,)



Meeting with Mr. Raja Sekhar, ACS, Haryana, (24th March 2025)



3rd Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting, PI Industries Office (08th April 2025)



Joint association meeting with the Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini, (17th April 2025)



Joint association meeting with APS Haryana (21st April 2025)



15th Governing Council Meeting, Sumitomo Office, New Delhi (2nd May 2025)



4th ACFI Technical and Regulatory Committee Meeting (2024–2025), Willowood Chemicals Ltd, Jasola (27th June 2025)



16th ACFI Governing Council Meeting, DCM SHRIRAM LTD (2nd July 2025)



ACFI Representations

Date	Reference No.	Sent To	Subject
08.10.2024	ACFI/2024/056	Shri Devesh Chaturvedi (Hon'ble Secretary), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi	Inordinate delays in issuing new registration certificates of pesticides by CIB&RC due to delays in MRL fixation by ministry of health
08.10.2024	ACFI/2024/057	Ms. Nivedita Shukla Verma Ji (Secretary_Chemicals & Petrochemicals), Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, New Delhi	Inordinate delays in issuing new registration certificates of pesticides by CIB&RC due to delays in MRL fixation by ministry of health
08.10.2024	ACFI/2024/058	Ms. Punya Salila Srivastava, (Secretary_Health & Family Welfare), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi	Inordinate delays in issuing new registration certificates of pesticides by CIB&RC due to delays in MRL fixation by ministry of health
19.11.2024	ACFI/2024/059	Dr. Yogita Rana, IAS (Joint Secretary), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001	ACFI comments on Bio- Stimulant gazette notification no. S.E. 3922 € dt. 12.09.2024 on " Fertilizer (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) (Fourth) Amendment Order"
30.12.2024	ACFI/2024/060	Ms. Punya Salila Srivastava, (Secretary_Health & Family Welfare), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi	Gratitude and request for consideration on fixation of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs)

16.01.2025	ACFI/2025/001	Shri Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi	Seeking information on the impact of enhancement of Custom Duty on import of technical grade & readymade formulations for agrochemical sector
04.02.2025	ACFI/2025/002	Dr. P.K. Singh, Agriculture Commisioner, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi	Representation on Bio-stimulant application via drone
06.02.2025	ACFI/2025/003	Dr. P.K. Singh, Agriculture Commisioner, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi	Request for Extension of Validity Period for Bio- stimulants under FCO,1985 till February 2026
17.02.2025	ACFI/2025/004	Dr. D K Yadav, DDG Crop Science, Indian Council of Agricultural Research	Congratulations to Dr. D K Yadav for his new role as Deputy Director General of Crop Science at ICAR
10.02.2025	ACFI/2025/005	Dr. Archana Sinha, The Secretary, CIBRC, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India	ACFI Representation on issues related to online CROP portal
25.02.2025	ACFI/2025/006	Dr. P.K Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi	Request for extending the timeline for sale of products which are yet to be included in the schedule VI,

06.03.2025	ACFI/2025/007	Dr. Archana Sinha, Secretary, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee (CIB&RC), Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQ&S), Faridabad, Haryana	Request for Data Relaxation for New Source registration of Plant extract / Botanical extract (e.g., Pyrethrum)
10.03.2025	ACFI/2025/008	Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi	Actions for Further Progress on Pesticide Residue Monitoring
10.03.2025	ACFI/2025/009	Dr. Archana Sinha, Secretary, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee (CIB&RC), Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQ&S), Faridabad, Haryana	Request for Expedited Issuance of Registration Certificates in Various Disciplines
10.03.2025	ACFI/2025/010	Shri Deepankar Aron, Joint Secretary (Chemicals), Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001	Representation on Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting for making BIS Standards of Pesticides (QCO) as mandatory
14.02.2025	ACFI/2025/011	Dr. Praveen Kumar Singh, Agriculture Commissioner & RC Chairman, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India	Request for amendment in consent letter system for 9(4)- Technical Import Registrations

03.03.2025	ACFI/2025/012	The Revenue Secretary, Department of Revenue, North Block, New Delhi	Finance Bill 2025 - Agrochemicals HSN Codes under Chapter 29 & 38
08.04.2025	ACFI/2025/013	Dr. Archana Sinha, Secretary, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee (CIB&RC), Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQ&S), Faridabad, Haryana	Testing Fee for Bio efficacy Data Generation from AICRP Centers
08.04.2025	ACFI/2025/014	Dr. Archana Sinha, Secretary, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee (CIB&RC), Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQ&S), Faridabad, Haryana	Request for Flexibility in Pest Control Trial Location Requirements for Regulatory Approval
21.04.2025	ACFI/2025/015	Shri Nayab Singh Saini, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana	Insecticide Amendment Bill by the Haryana Government - Joint Representation to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana
28.04.2025	ACFI/2025/016	Dr. Archana Sinha, Secretary, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee (CIB&RC), Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQ&S), Faridabad, Haryana	Delay in Revalidation of certificate u/s 9(3) and 9(4) Technical Import (TI) and Formulation Import (FI)

07.05.2025	ACFI/2025/017	Dr. Archana Sinha, Secretary, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee (CIB&RC), Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQ&S), Faridabad, Haryana	Clarification Regarding Minor Change Guidance as per Agenda No. 10.54 of the 460th RC Meeting
07.04.2025	ACFI/2025/018	Shri Deepankar Aron, Joint Secretary (Chemical), Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Government of India, New Delhi	ACFI comments/inputs on the chemicals w.r.t. exemptions in Rotterdam Convention and Stockholm Convention
14.05.2025	ACFI/2025/019	Dr. Praveen Kumar Singh, Agriculture Commissioner & RC Chairman, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India	Request for Amendment in Consent Letter System to reduce imports from China for 9(4) - Technical Import Registrations
14.05.2025	ACFI/2025/020	The Secretary, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, NH – IV, Faridabad – 121 001, Haryana	Request for Amendment in Consent Letter System to reduce imports from China for 9(4) - Technical Import Registrations

22.05.2025	ACFI/2025/021	Shri Sanjay Kumar Tiwari, Deputy DGFT Ministry of Commerce & Industry Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi – 110011	Request for Removal of Minimum Import Price (MIP) on Glufosinate Technical and its Formulations – Notification No. 54/2024-25 dated 24.01.2025 and for Industry Consultation on the Matter
22.05.2025	ACFI/2025/022	Shri Ajay Bhadoo, Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi- 110011	Request for Removal of Minimum Import Price (MIP) on Glufosinate Technical and its Formulations – Notification No. 54/2024-25 dated 24.01.2025 and for Industry Consultation on the Matter
22.05.2025	ACFI/2025/023	Ms. Shubhra, Additional DGFT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi-110011	Request for Removal of Minimum Import Price (MIP) on Glufosinate Technical and its Formulations – Notification No. 54/2024-25 dated 24.01.2025 and for Industry Consultation on the Matter
22.05.2025	ACFI/2025/024	Shri Satya Raja Sekhar G, Joint DGFT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi-110011	Request for Removal of Minimum Import Price (MIP) on Glufosinate Technical and its Formulations – Notification No. 54/2024-25 dated 24.01.2025 and for Industry Consultation on the Matter

22.05.2025	ACFI/2025/025	Shri Sanjay Kumar Tiwari, Deputy DGFT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi-110011	Request for Removal of Minimum Import Price (MIP) on Glufosinate Technical and its Formulations – Notification No. 54/2024-25 dated 24.01.2025 and for Industry Consultation on the Matter
04.06.2025	ACFI/2025/026	Joint Secretary (INM), Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi	Request for Extension of Validity and clarity on the Bio-stimulants registration under FCO, 1985
16.06.2025	ACFI/2025/027	Shri Ramnath Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of State (Agri & Farmers Welfare), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110001	Industry Concern on Biostimulant availability in Kharif season
24.06.2025	ACFI/2025/028	The Joint Director of Agriculture (Inputs), Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of Punjab, Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar	Request for Extension with reference to your letter dated 18.06.2025, 3984-84/JDA Inputs to discontinue the sale, stock, or exhibition of bio-stimulant products registered under provisional certificate (Form G-3)
26.06.2025	ACFI/2025/029	Dr. Praveen Kumar Singh, Agriculture Commissioner & RC Chairman, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India	Request for Amendment in Consent Letter System to reduce imports from China for 9(4) - Technical Import Registrations

15.07.2025	ACFI/2025/030	The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, Raisina Hill, New Delhi-110011	Urgent Policy Intervention Needed to Stop Dumping by Chinese Shell Companies Undermining Indian Agrochemical Manufacturing
01.08.2025	ACFI/2025/031	Plant Protection Adviser, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee (CIBRC), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India.	Urgent Policy Intervention Needed to Stop Dumping by Chinese Shell Companies Undermining Indian Agrochemical Manufacturing
29.08.2025	ACFI/2025/032	The Hon'ble Finance Minister of India, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi - 110001	Request to consider issue of classification of seaweed based fertilizers in the upcoming GST Council Meeting
29.08.2025	ACFI/2025/033	The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, Raisina Hill, New Delhi-110011	Request to consider issue of classification of seaweed based fertilizers in the upcoming GST Council Meeting

ACFI Kisan Kalyan Karyakram

Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) launched a mass awareness campaign across India to raise awareness among farmers about the optimal use of Crop Protection Chemicals. Under this initiative, ACFI has deployed 25 mobile vans in more than 5000 Villages across various states in India.

The objective of the initiative is:

- To educate farmers and spread the message that using the right pesticides can significantly increase their crop yield.
- To purchase agrochemicals with the 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 regarding the dos and don'ts of buying, spraying & storing the crop protection chemicals.
- To create awareness about modern agricultural technology, Precision agriculture, & Integrated pest management.



Balance Sheet For FY 2024-25

AGRO CHEM FEDERATION OF INDIA Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

(Amount in Rs.)

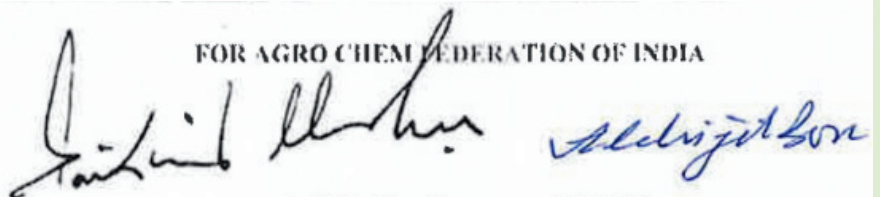
	Particulars	Note	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
I	EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
1	Owners' Funds			
(a)	Owners' Capital Account		-	-
(b)	Reserves and surplus	3	18,064,967.79	12,790,418.79
			18,064,967.79	12,790,418.79
2	Non-current liabilities			
(a)	Long-term borrowings		-	-
(b)	Deferred tax liabilities (Net)		-	-
(c)	Other long-term liabilities		-	-
(d)	Long-term provisions		-	-
			-	-
3	Current liabilities			
(a)	Short-term borrowings	4	3,621,242.00	-
(b)	Trade payables	5	-	-
(c)	Other current liabilities	6	3,389,457.00	4,124,036.00
(d)	Short-term provisions		-	-
			7,010,699.00	4,124,036.00
	Total		25,075,666.79	16,914,454.79
II	ASSETS			
1	Non-current assets			
(a)	Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets			
(i)	Property, Plant and Equipment	7	97,056.15	86,989.15
(ii)	Intangible assets	7	5,442.00	7,256.00
(iii)	Capital work in progress		-	-
(iv)	Intangible asset under development		-	-
(b)	Non-current investments		-	-
(c)	Deferred tax assets (Net)		-	-
(d)	Long Term Loans and Advances		-	-
(e)	Other non-current assets		-	-
			102,498.15	94,245.15
2	Current assets			
(a)	Current investments		-	-
(b)	Inventories		-	-
(c)	Trade receivables	9	290,000.00	90,000.00
(d)	Cash and bank balances	10	22,550,730.64	15,026,391.64
(e)	Short Term Loans and Advances	8	1,934,389.00	1,618,704.00
(f)	Other current assets	11	198,049.00	85,114.00
			24,973,168.64	16,820,209.64
	Total		25,075,666.79	16,914,454.79
	Brief about the Entity	1		
	Summary of significant accounting policies	2		
	The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements			

For Devesh Parekh & Co
Chartered Accountants
FRN - 0013338N

Devesh Parekh
Partner
M.No. 092160

Place : New Delhi
Dated : 01.09.2025
UDIN :

FOR AGRO CHEM FEDERATION OF INDIA



Parikshit Mundhra
Chairman

Abhijit Bose
General Secretary

Statement of Income & Expenditure

AGRO CHEM FEDERATION OF INDIA
Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended on 31.03.2025
(Amount in Rs.)

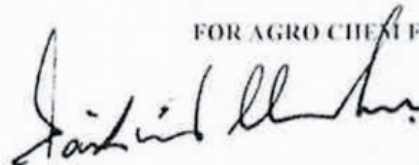
	Particulars	Note	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
I	Revenue from operations	12	18,410,000.00	18,412,750.00
II	Other Income	13	857,184.00	405,730.00
III	Total Income (I+II)		19,267,184.00	18,818,480.00
IV	Expenses:			
(a)	Cost of goods sold		-	-
(b)	Employee benefits expense	14	6,884,434.00	5,943,788.00
(c)	Finance costs	15	38,693.00	1,507.74
(d)	Depreciation and amortization expense	16	40,347.00	30,742.00
(e)	Other expenses	17	7,568,208.00	12,185,433.29
	Total expenses		14,531,682.00	18,161,471.03
V	Profit/(loss) before exceptional and extraordinary items, partners' remuneration and tax (III- IV)		4,735,502.00	657,008.97
VI	Exceptional items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)		-	-
VII	Profit/(loss) before extraordinary items, partners' remuneration and tax (V-VI)		4,735,502.00	657,008.97
VIII	Extraordinary Items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)		-	-
IX	Profit before, partners' remuneration and tax (VII-VIII)		4,735,502.00	657,008.97
X	Partners' remuneration*			
XI	Profit before tax (IX- X)			
XII	Tax expense:			
(a)	Current tax		-	-
(b)	Excess/ Short provision of tax relating to earlier years		210,953.00	372,594.00
(c)	Deferred tax charge/ (benefit)		-	-
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XIII	Profit/(Loss) for the period from continuing operations (IXI-XII)		4,524,549.00	284,414.97
XIV	Profit/(loss) from discontinuing operations		-	-
XV	Tax expense of discontinuing operations		-	-
XVI	Profit/(loss) from discontinuing operations (after tax) (XIV-XV)		-	-
XVII	Profit/(Loss) for the year (XIII+XVI)		4,524,549.00	284,414.97
	The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements			

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March 21, 2025 - by Team NC - Leave a Comment



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The industry body also pitched for reducing GST from 18 per cent to 5 per cent. "The reliance on generic molecules, low agrochemical usage, the complex registration process for new molecules and heavy dependence on imports are some of the challenges that must be transformed into opportunities through the 'Make in India' initiatives," Parikshit Mundhra, Chairman, ACFI said.

Given its role in enhancing agricultural productivity and export potential, he said the agrochemical industry will play a vital role in India's quest of becoming a global manufacturing hub ultimately resulting in a USD 5 trillion economy by 2025.

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The "Make in India" initiative provides a timely framework to transform these challenges into opportunities, enabling India to become a global manufacturing and export hub for agrochemicals, he added.

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ब्यूरो | नई दिल्ली. भारत से कृषि रसायनों के निर्यात में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि हुई है। एग्रो कैम फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (एसीएफआई) के मुताबिक यदि वृद्धि का यही क्रम जारी रहा तो अगले चार वर्षों में कृषि रसायनों के निर्यात का आंकड़ा 80,000 करोड़ रुपए के पार हो सकता है। एसीएफआई ने जारी नॉलेज पेपर में कहा कि भारतीय कृषि रसायन की अच्छी गुणवत्ता और किफायती दाम के चलते इसके उत्पाद 130 देशों में लाखों किसानों की पहली पसंद बने हुए हैं। उद्योग जगत के दिग्गजों ने निर्यात को बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार से अनुकूल माहौल बनाने का आग्रह

किया है। इसमें लाइसेंसिंग के नियमों को सुगम बनाना, स्टोरेज एवं सेल के लिए बुनियादी सुविधाओं में सुधार लाना, बेहतर एमआरएल नियमों के साथ देशों के साथ व्यवसायिक समझौते करना और जीएसटी को 18 फीसदी से कम कर 5 फीसदी पर लाना शामिल है। एसीएफआई के अध्यक्ष परीक्षित मुंध्रा ने कहा कि जेनेरिक मॉलीक्यूल्स, कृषि रसायनों का कम इस्तेमाल, नए मॉलीक्यूल्स के लिए जटिल रजिस्ट्रेशन प्रक्रिया और आयात पर भारी निर्भरता कुछ ऐसी चुनौतियां हैं, जिन्हें मेक इन इंडिया के माध्यम से अवसरों में बदला जा सकता है।

कृषि रसायनों के निर्माण और निर्यात के लिए सरकार का प्रोत्साहन जरूरी: एसीएफआई

नई दिल्ली। भारतीय कृषि रसायन उद्योग ने हाल ही में निर्यात में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि दर्ज की है, और विशेषज्ञों का मानना है कि यह अगले चार वर्षों में 80,000 करोड़ रुपए के आंकड़े को पार कर सकता है। एग्रो कैम फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (एसीएफआई) ने यहां अपने नॉलेज पेपर-इंडियन एग्रोकैमिकल इंडस्ट्री: द स्टोरी, द चैलेंजेज, द एस्पिरेशन्स-में इस उद्योग की संभावनाओं और चुनौतियों पर प्रकाश डाला।

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चेयरमैन, परीक्षित मुंध्रा ने पैनल चर्चा के दौरान कहा, जेनेरिक मॉलीक्यूल्स की निर्भरता, कृषि रसायनों का कम उपयोग, और जटिल पंजीकरण प्रक्रिया ऐसी चुनौतियाँ हैं जिन्हें मेक इन इंडिया के माध्यम से अवसरों में बदला जा सकता है।

उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि कृषि क्षेत्र 3.8-4 फीसदी की वार्षिक वृद्धि दर से बढ़ रहा है और निर्धारित लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए इसे 9.3 फीसदी की वार्षिक वृद्धि दर से विकसित किया जाना चाहिए।

पैनल चर्चा में अन्य प्रमुख वक्ता जैसे परीक्षित झावेर, संस्थापक और प्रमोटर, टैगोरोस कैमिकल्स, राजेश अग्रवाल, एमडी, इन्सेक्टीसाइड्स इंडिया लिमिटेड, अंकुर अग्रवाल, एमडी, क्रिस्टल क्रॉप प्रोटेक्शन लिमिटेड, मिस आशीष कसद, सीनियर पार्टनर, ईवाय, और मौलिक मेहता, सीईओ, दीपक नाइट्राइट लिमिटेड ने भी मेक इन इंडिया पहल के अंतर्गत भारतीय कृषि रसायन उद्योग को वैश्विक निर्माण और निर्यात शक्ति में बदलने की क्षमता पर जोर दिया।

వ్యవసాయ రసాయనాల ఎగుమతులు... నాలుగేళ్లలో రెట్టింపు

రూ. 80,000 కోట్లకు అప్!

ఏసీఎఫ్ఐ-ఈవై నివేదిక అంచనా • ప్రస్తుత విలువ రూ. 43,223 కోట్లు

న్యూఢిల్లీ: పరిశ్రమకు అనుకూలమైన పరిస్థితులు, అవకాశాలు కల్పిస్తూ భారత్ వ్యవసాయ రసాయన ఎగుమతులు రాబోయే నాలుగేళ్లలో రూ. 80,000 కోట్లకు పెరిగే అవకాశం ఉందని ఏఎఫ్ఐసి-ఈవై నివేదిక ఒకటి పేర్కొంది. ఇండస్ట్రి ప్రతినిధ్య సంస్థ అగ్లో కెమ్ ఫెడరేషన్ ఆఫ్ ఇండియా (ఏసీఎఫ్ఐ)-ఈవై సంయుక్తంగా "భారత్ వ్యవసాయ రసాయన పరిశ్రమ: ప్రస్థానం, సవాళ్లు, ఆకాంక్షలు" అన్న శీర్షికన ఈ నివేదిక రూపొందించి, ఏసీఎఫ్ఐ ఏడవ సార్వత్రిక సమావేశం సేవద్యంలో విడుదలైన ఈ నివేదికలోని కొన్ని ముఖ్యాంశాలు పరిశీలిస్తే...

→ 2022-23 ఆర్థిక సంవత్సరంలో వ్యవసాయ రసాయనాల ఎగుమతుల విలువ రూ.43,223 కోట్లు.

→ భారత్ వ్యవసాయ రసాయన ఎగుమతులు దేశీయ వినియోగం కంటే ఎక్కువగా ఉన్నాయి. వ్యవసాయ రసాయన పరిశ్రమల దన్నుతో భారత్ ఎగుమతులు ఇటీవలి కాలంలో ప్రళంస నీయమైన వృద్ధిని సమోదు చేసుకున్నాయి.

భారత్ మార్కెట్లో వ్యవసాయ రసాయన వినియోగం (కీటీ/హెక్టార్)కు తక్కువగా ఉంది. నివేదిక ప్రకారం భారత్ దేశం హెక్టార్కు 400 గ్రాముల వ్యవసాయ రసాయనాలను మాత్రమే వినియోగిస్తోంది. ఇది ప్రపంచ సగటు 2.6 కీటీ/హెక్టార్ కంటే తక్కువగా ఉంది.



→ లైసెన్సింగ్ నిబంధనలను క్రమబద్ధీకరించడం, నిల్వ, విక్రయాల కోసం మౌలిక సదుపాయాలను మెరుగుపరచడం, బయోపెస్టిసైడ్ల ఉత్పత్తిని ప్రోత్సహించడం, కొత్త మార్కెట్లకు సులభం చేసుకోవడం, సడలించిన ఎంటర్ప్రైజ్ నిబంధనలతో దేశంలో వాణిజ్య ఒప్పందాలను చేసుకోవడం, అంతర్జాతీయ ఇన్వెస్టర్ల నుండి పెట్టుబడులను ఆకర్షించడానికి పీఎల్ఐ తరహాలో ఒక పథకాన్ని ఆవిష్కరించడం వంటివి చర్యలపై ప్రభుత్వం దృష్టి సారించాలి.

→ వస్తు సేవల వస్తువు (జీఎస్టీ) 18 శాతం నుంచి 5 శాతానికి తగ్గించాలని పరిశ్రమల సంఘం

చూడా కేంద్రానికి విజ్ఞప్తి చేస్తుండడం గమనార్హం.

→ 2025 నాటికి 5 ట్రిలియన్ డాలర్ల ఆర్థిక వ్యవస్థను సాధించగల దేశంగా భారత్ ప్రపంచ తయారీ కేంద్రంగా రూపొందాలి. ఇందుకు సంబంధించి వృద్ధి అవకాశాల అన్వేషణలో వ్యవసాయ రసాయన పరిశ్రమ కీలక పాత్ర పోషిస్తుంది. వ్యవసాయ ఉత్పాదకత, అహార భద్రత, ఎగుమతి సామర్థ్యాన్ని పెంపొందించడంలో అగ్లోకెమికల్ పరిశ్రమ పాత్ర ఎంతో కీలకం కానుంది.

→ ప్రపంచవ్యాప్తంగా నాల్గవ అతిపెద్ద వ్యవసాయ రసాయనాల ఉత్పాదకంగా ఉన్నప్పటికీ, భారతదేశం ఒక వైరుధ్య పరిస్థితిని ఎదుర్కొంటోంది. దేశం గణనీయమైన ఉత్పత్తి సామర్థ్యాన్ని కలిగి ఉన్నప్పటికీ, ఇప్పటికీ గణనీయమైన స్థాయిలో వ్యవసాయ రసాయనాలను దిగుమతి చేసుకుంటుంది. ప్రత్యేకించి చైనా నుంచి ఈ దిగుమతులు జరుగుతున్నాయి.

→ "మేక్ ఇన్ ఇండియా" దౌరంతో పరిశ్రమ ఎదుర్కొంటున్న సవాళ్లను అధిగమించాల్సి ఉంది. అవకాశాలుగా మార్చడానికి సకాలంలో తగిన ప్రేమేవర్క్ విధానాలుకావాలి. ఆయా చర్యలు దేశాన్ని వ్యవసాయ రసాయనాల కోసం ప్రపంచ తయారీ ఎగుమతి కేంద్రంగా మార్చడానికి వీలు కల్పిస్తుంది.

ભારતની એગ્રોકેમિકલ નિકાસ 2028 સુધીમાં ₹. 80,000 કરોડને પટાવી જશે: ACFI-EY રિપોર્ટ



સમર્થન અને અનુકૂળ ઓપરેટિંગ વાતાવરણ મળે, ભારતીય એગ્રોકેમિકલ ઇન્ડસ્ટ્રી: ઘ સ્ટોરી, ધી ચેલેન્જ સ એન્ડ એસ્પિરેશન્સ શીર્ષક ધરાવતા અભ્યાસમાં જણાવાયું છે કે 2022-23ના નાણાકીય વર્ષમાં કૃષિ રસાયણની નિકાસ રૂ. 43,223 કરોડ સુધી પહોંચી હતી.

ઉલ્લેખનીય છે કે, ભારતની કૃષિ રસાયણ નિકાસ હાલમાં સ્થાનિક વપરાશને પટાવી જાય છે, આ ક્ષેત્રે તાજેતરના સમયમાં નોંધપાત્ર વૃદ્ધિનો અનુભવ કર્યો છે. આ અંદાજિત વૃદ્ધિ હાંસલ કરવા માટે, ACFI ઘણા મુખ્ય પગલાંની ભલામણ કરે છે.

તેમાં લાઇસેન્સિંગના ધોરણોને સુવ્યવસ્થિત કરવા, સંગ્રહ અને વેચાણ માટે ઈ-ફાસ્ટટ્રક કરમાં સુધારો, બાયોપેસ્ટીસાઇડ ઉત્પાદનને પ્રોત્સાહન આપવા અને નવા પરમાણુઓ માટે નોંધણી પ્રક્રિયાને સરળ બનાવવાનો સમાવેશ થાય છે. ઉદ્યોગ મંડળ વધુ લવચીક મહત્તમ અવશેષ મર્યાદા (MRL) ધોરણો ધરાવતા દેશો સાથે વેપાર કરાર સ્થાપિત કરવા અને વૈશ્વિક રોકાણને આકર્ષવા માટે ઉત્પાદન-લિંકેડ ઇન્સેન્ટિવ (PLI) યોજના રજૂ કરવાનું પણ સૂચન કરે છે. આ અહેવાલ ગુણવત્તા અને પોષણક્ષમતામાં ભારતીય કૃષિ રસાયણ ઉદ્યોગના સ્પર્ધાત્મક લાભને પ્રકાશિત કરે છે, જે તેના ઉત્પાદનોને 130 દેશોમાં ખેડૂતો માટે પસંદગીની પસંદગી બનાવે છે.

80,000 करोड़ रुपए पर पहुंच सकता है कृषि रसायन निर्यात

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भारत का कृषि रसायन निर्यात अगले चार साल में 80,000 करोड़ रुपए से अधिक हो सकता है, बशर्ते उद्योग को अनुकूल माहौल मिले। एएफसीआई और ईवाई की एक रिपोर्ट में यह अनुमान लगाया गया है। उद्योग निकाय एग्रो केम फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (एसीएफआई) और ईवाई की भारतीय कृषि रसायन उद्योग: कलानी, चुनौतियां और आकांक्षाएं शीर्षक वाली रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि वित्त वर्ष 2022-23 में कृषि रसायनों का निर्यात 43,223 करोड़ रुपए रहा था। हाल ही में आयोजित एसीएफआई की 7वीं सालाना आमसभा में जारी की गई रिपोर्ट में कहा गया, भारत का कृषि रसायन निर्यात इसकी घरेलू खपत से अधिक है। हाल के दिनों में कृषि रसायन उद्योग द्वारा भारतीय निर्यात में उल्लेखनीय वृद्धि देखी गई है। एसीएफआई ने कहा कि सरकार को अनुकूल माहौल बनाने पर ध्यान केंद्रित करना चाहिए, जिसमें लाइसेंसिंग मानदंडों को सुव्यवस्थित करना और भंडारण और बिक्री के लिए बुनियादी ढांचे में सुधार करना, जैव कीटनाशक उत्पादन को प्रोत्साहित करना, नए अणुओं (मॉल्युकूल) के लिए पंजीकरण प्रक्रिया को सुव्यवस्थित करना, अधिक शिथिल

एमआरएल मानदंडों वाले देशों के साथ व्यापार समझौते करना, वैश्विक कारोबारियों से निवेश आकर्षित करने के लिए पीएलआई जैसी योजना शुरू करना शामिल है। रिपोर्ट में कहा गया, भारत के कृषि रसायन उद्योग की खासियत उनकी गुणवत्ता और सरस्ती कीमतें हैं, जो उनके उत्पादों को 130 देशों के लाखों किसानों की पहली पसंद बनाती हैं। अगर अनुकूल माहौल की सुविधा दी जाए, तो यह क्षेत्र अगले चार वर्षों में 80,000 करोड़ रुपए से अधिक का निर्यात स्तर हासिल करने की क्षमता दिखाता है। उद्योग निकाय ने माल एवं सेवा कर (जीएसटी) को 18 प्रतिशत से घटाकर पांच प्रतिशत करने की भी वकालत की। एसीएफआई के चेयरमैन परीक्षित मुंद्रा ने कहा, जेनेरिक अणुओं पर निर्भरता, कम कृषि रसायन उपयोग, नए अणुओं के लिए जटिल पंजीकरण प्रक्रिया और आयात पर भारी निर्भरता कुछ ऐसी चुनौतियां हैं, जिन्हें मेक इन इंडिया पहल के माध्यम से अवसरों में बदलना होगा।

Awareness program conducted in Anand Agriculture University



Ahmedabad, The target audience were the Dealers Distributors and Farmers from Anand Khera Varodra districts. Dealers Distributors are the key point of information dissemination for the farmers and farmers approach them too often with their issues, so ACFI does awareness program for them in different states. Side by side with the Agriculture officers and Agriculture University Scientists, the dealers and distributors are the ones who support the farmers about the importance of the safe use of Agrochemicals, things to do while using; buying; spraying; and storing agrochemicals & many other things. The

Director General of ACFI Dr Kalyan Goswami has set the tone explaining the need of Agrochemical for higher productivity and hence to sustain the food security. He also spoke about the wrong perception about Agrochemical. His stand was vindicated by Dr. Sailesh Patel, Director DEE , Anand Agriculture University saying that 'India uses much lower amount of Pesticides than other developed countries. So the myth about overuse of pesticides in Indian Agriculture is not right. But he has also emphasised on the need of extensive Agri extension for proper and judicious use of pesticides and follow the norms of good practices.

एग्रो कैम फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (एसीएफआई) ने आनंद एग्रीकल्चर युनिवर्सिटी के सहयोग से १२ नवम्बर को आनंद एग्रीकल्चर युनिवर्सिटी में आयोजित किया जागरूकता प्रोग्राम

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प्रोग्राम के मुख्य दर्शकों में आनंद खेड़ा वड़ोदरा जिलों के किसान एवं डीलर डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर शामिल थे। डीलर डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर किसानों तक जानकारी पहुंचाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं। किसान भी अक्सर अपनी समस्याओं के लिए उन्हीं से संपर्क करते हैं। इसी के मद्देनजर एसीएफआई विभिन्न राज्यों में उनके लिए जागरूकता प्रोग्रामों का संचालन करता है। कृषि अधिकारियों एवं कृषि युनिवर्सिटी वैज्ञानिकों के साथ डीलर और डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स किसानों को कृषि रसायनों के सुरक्षित उपयोग, इनके इस्तेमाल, खरीद, स्टोरेज एवं अन्य पहलुओं के बारे में जरूरी जानकारी प्रदान करते हैं।

एसीएफआई के महानिदेशक डॉ कल्याण गोस्वामी ने उत्पादकता



बढ़ाने और खाद्य सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कृषि रसायनों की आवश्यकता पर रोशनी डाली। उन्होंने कृषि रसायनों से जुड़ी गलत अवधारणाओं पर भी बात की। उनके समर्थन में बात करते हुए डॉ सैलेश पटेल, डायरेक्टर डीईई, आनंद एग्रीकल्चर युनिवर्सिटी ने कहा कि भारत अन्य विकसित देशों की तुलना में कम मात्रा में कीटनाशकों का इस्तेमाल करता है। इसलिए भारतीय कृषि में कीटनाशकों के जरूरत से ज्यादा

इस्तेमाल की बात ठीक नहीं है। लेकिन साथ ही उन्होंने कीटनाशकों के तर्कपूर्ण एवं उचित उपयोग तथा अच्छी प्रथाओं की आवश्यकता पर भी जोर दिया। अन्य प्रवक्ताओं में डॉ. आर.जी. परमार, हैड ऑफ प्लांट पैथोलोजी, डॉ दिलिप सिसोदिया, हैड ऑफ एग्रीकल्चर एंटोमोलोजी शामिल थे। जीएसपी क्रॉप साइंस से डॉ दीपक पटेल और धानुका एग्रीटेक से श्री मयूर अमेटा ने भी जागरूकता प्रोग्राम के दौरान अपने विचार रखे।

अग्रो कैम फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया ने आनंद एग्री युनि. में जागरूकता कार्यक्रम योज्यो

आनंद। अग्रो कैम फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया ने आनंद एग्री युनि. में जागरूकता कार्यक्रम योज्यो હતો જેમાં આણંદ, ખેડા અને વડોદરા જિલ્લાના ખેડૂતો અને ડીલર ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુટર હતા. ડીલર ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુટર ખેડૂતો સુધી માહિતી પહોંચાડવામાં મહત્વની ભૂમિકા ભજવે છે. ખેડૂતો પણ હંમેશા પોતાની સમસ્યાઓ માટે તેમનો જ સંપર્ક કરે છે. તેને ધ્યાનમાં લેતા એસીએફઆઈ વિવિધ રાજ્યોમાં તેમના માટે જાગૃતતા કાર્યક્રમો સંચાલિત કરે છે. કૃષિ અધિકારીઓ અને કૃષિ યુનિવર્સિટી વૈજ્ઞાનિકોની સાથે ડીલર અને ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુટર્સ ખેડૂતોને કૃષિ રસાયણોના સુરક્ષિત ઉપયોગ, તેના ઉપયોગ, ખરીદ, છંટકાવ, સંગ્રહ તથા અન્ય પાસાઓ વિશે જરૂરી માહિતી પૂરી પાડે છે.

अग्रो कैम फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया द्वारा आनंद एग्रीकल्चर युनि. में जागरूकता कार्यक्रम

(तोषण) आनंद, कार्यक्रम का लक्ष्यकित प्रेक्षकों में आनंद, खेड़ा અને વડોદરા જિલ્લાના ખેડૂતો અને ડીલર ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુટર હતા. ડીલર ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુટર ખેડૂતો સુધી માહિતી પહોંચાડવામાં મહત્વની ભૂમિકા ભજવે છે. ખેડૂતો પણ હંમેશા પોતાની સમસ્યાઓ માટે તેમનો જ સંપર્ક કરે છે. તેને ધ્યાનમાં લેતા એસીએફઆઈ વિવિધ રાજ્યોમાં તેમના માટે જાગૃતતા કાર્યક્રમો સંચાલિત કરે છે. કૃષિ અધિકારીઓ અને કૃષિ યુનિવર્સિટી વૈજ્ઞાનિકોની સાથે ડીલર અને ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુટર્સ ખેડૂતોને કૃષિ રસાયણોના સુરક્ષિત ઉપયોગ, તેના ઉપયોગ, ખરીદ, છંટકાવ, સંગ્રહ તથા અન્ય પાસાઓ વિશે જરૂરી માહિતી પૂરી પાડે છે. એસીએફઆઈના ડિરેક્ટર જનરલ ડૉ. કલ્યાણ ગોસ્વામીએ ઉપજ વધારવા અને ખાદ્ય સુરક્ષાની ખાતરી કરવા માટે કૃષિ રસાયણોની જરૂરિયાત પર પ્રકાશ



પાડ્યો. તેમણે કૃષિ રસાયણો સાથે જોડાયેલી વિભાવનાઓ પર પણ વાત કરી. તેમના સમર્થનમાં વાત કરતા ડૉ. શૈલેષ પટેલ, ડાયરેક્ટર ડીઈઈ, આણંદ એગ્રીકલ્ચર યુનિવર્સિટી જણાવ્યું કે ભારત અન્ય વિકસિત દેશોની સરખામણીમાં ઓછી માત્રામાં જંતુનાશકોનો ઉપયોગ કરે છે. તેથી ભારતીય ખેતીમાં જંતુનાશકોની જરૂરિયાત વધુ ઉપયોગ યોગ્ય નથી. પરંતુ સાથે જ તેમણે જંતુનાશકોની તકરૂર યોગ્ય ઉપયોગ અને સારી પદ્ધતિઓની જરૂરિયાતો પર પણ પ્રકાશ પાડ્યો. અન્ય પ્રવક્તામાં ડૉ. આર. જી. પરમાર, હેડ ઓફ પ્લાન્ટ પેથોલોજી, ડૉ. દિલિપ સિસોદિયા, હેડ ઓફ એગ્રીકલ્ચર એન્ટોમોલોજી શામેલ હતા. ઇન્ડોનાઈડા ટ્રિસેલ માટે જીએસપી ક્રોપ સાયન્સ તરફથી ડૉ. દીપક પટેલ અને ધાનુકા એગ્રીટેક તરફથી શ્રી મયૂર અમેટાએ પણ જાગૃતતા કાર્યક્રમમાં પોતાના વિચારો વ્યક્ત કર્યા હતા.

એગ્રો કેમ ફેડરેશન ઓફ ઈન્ડિયાએ (એસીએફઆઈ) આણંદ એગ્રીકલ્ચર યુનિવર્સિટીના સહયોગથી ૧૨ નવેમ્બરે આણંદ એગ્રીકલ્ચર યુનિવર્સિટીમાં આયોજિત કર્યો જાગૃતતા કાર્યક્રમ

આણંદ: કાર્યક્રમના લક્ષ્યાંકિત પ્રેક્ષકોમાં આણંદ, ખેડા અને વડોદરા જિલ્લાના ખેડૂતો અને ડીલર ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુટર હતા. ડીલર ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુટર ખેડૂતો સુધી માહિતી પહોંચાડવામાં મહત્વની ભૂમિકા ભજવે છે.

ખેડૂતો પણ હંમેશા પોતાની સમસ્યાઓ માટે તેમનો જ સંપર્ક કરે છે. તેને ધ્યાનમાં લેતા એસીએફઆઈ વિવિધ રાજ્યોમાં તેમના માટે જાગૃતતા કાર્યક્રમો સંચાલિત કરે છે. કૃષિ અધિકારીઓ અને કૃષિ યુનિવર્સિટી વૈજ્ઞાનિકોની સાથે ડીલર અને ડિસ્ટ્રીબ્યુટર્સ ખેડૂતોને કૃષિ રસાયણોના સુરક્ષિત ઉપયોગ, તેના ઉપયોગ, ખરીદ, છંટકાવ, સંગ્રહ તથા અન્ય પાસાઓ વિશે જરૂરી માહિતી પૂરી પાડે છે.

એસીએફઆઈના ડિરેક્ટર જનરલ ડૉ. કલ્યાણ ગોસ્વામીએ ઉપજ વધારવા અને ખાદ્ય સુરક્ષાની ખાતરી કરવા માટે કૃષિ રસાયણોની જરૂરિયાત પર પ્રકાશ પાડ્યો. તેમણે

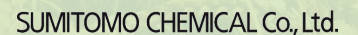
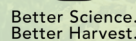


કૃષિ રસાયણો સાથે જોડાયેલી વિભાવનાઓ પર પણ વાત કરી. તેમના સમર્થનમાં વાત કરતા ડૉ. શૈલેષ પટેલ, ડાયરેક્ટર ડીઈઈ, આણંદ એગ્રીકલ્ચર યુનિવર્સિટી જણાવ્યું કે ભારત અન્ય વિકસિત દેશોની સરખામણીમાં ઓછી માત્રામાં જંતુનાશકોનો ઉપયોગ કરે છે. તેથી ભારતીય ખેતીમાં જંતુનાશકોનો જરૂરિયાત વધુ ઉપયોગ યોગ્ય નથી. પરંતુ સાથે જ તેમણે જંતુનાશકોની તર્કપૂર્ણ યોગ્ય ઉપયોગ

અને સારી પદ્ધતિઓની જરૂરિયાતો પર પણ પ્રકાશ પાડ્યો.

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