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Introduction

Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) is a 'Non-Profit Organization' registered under the Society Registration Act XXI of 1860 w.e.f. June 6, 2017. ACFI is an industry body representing manufacturers/ importers of technical and formulation of pesticides on national scale. We partner with many Academic Institutions, Farmer Associations, Associated Government & Non-Government Departments, etc.

Our aim is to achieve Sustainability in the Agriculture sector for the benefit of overall 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 Agro-chemicals and promotion of new technologies & products which are eco-friendly.

We have 23 PAN India active members in our association and many more organisations are waiting to join.

ACFI Members Companies

1. Amish Crop Sciences Pvt. Limited	13. Mahamaya Life sciences Pvt. Limited
2. Astech Lifesciences Limited	14. Modern Papers
3. Atul Limited	15. NACL Industries Limited
4. Crystal Crop Protection Limited	16. NATCO Pharma Limited
5. Dhanuka Agritech Limited	17. Parijat Industries India Pvt. Limited
6. Gharda Chemicals Pvt. Limited	18. Safex Chemicals India Limited.
7. Godrej Agrovet Limited	19. Ramcides Crop Science Pvt. Limited
8. GSP Crop Science Pvt. Limited	20. Sinochem India Company Pvt. Limited
9. Ichiban Crop Science Pvt. Limited	21. Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Limited
10. Indofil Industries Pvt. Limited	22. Tropical Agrosystem (India) Pvt. Limited
11. Krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Limited	23. Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Limited
12. Indogulf Crop Sciences Pvt. Limited	

President's message



Dear Members,

I wish you and your family members to be safe and in pink health. It has been challenging for ACFI this year and I had the privilege to lead the organization through such an exigent time facing every hurdle with all your cordial support. Not being concerned about the individual interest, ACFI has gradually established itself as a true platform for policy interventions and a vocal flag-waver for the entire Indian Agro Chemical Industry in a transparent and a democratic way.

We have reiterated our commitment for the society as ever, dedicated towards promoting the safe & judicious use of Agro-chemicals & work towards sustainability of Indian Agriculture which helps providing quality agri inputs at affordable prices. These pandemic times have set back our country's economy few steps, however, agriculture is the only sector which has come out as the champion. And we have to thank our farming community and the whole agriculture industry for this fearless achievement.

We also thank all our esteemed ACFI members for assisting our association through various policy interventions and our other initiatives such as educating farmers, improving the image of pesticide industry, giving representations to the Central & State Governments for various burning issues and more.

We hope to maintain the same relation and take ACFI to a higher level.

Director General's Message



Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) welcomes all our esteem members for supporting ACFI secretariat in working towards the betterment of the whole Agro Chemicals industry and Agriculture fraternity.

We have kept ourselves engaged with Academic Institutions, Farmer Associations, Associated Government & Non-Government Departments, to achieve Sustainability in Agriculture for the over-all benefit of the Agro-based Industry.

ACFI has been actively working towards the advancement of Agriculture sector, keeping up with the Government policy interventions, Registration Committee meetings, etc. For the year 2019-2020, the Secretariat has liaise with the Government to represent the Industries point of view on various policy matters such as Label and Leaflet, Ban on Tricyclazole and Buprofezin, Minor Changes in the Formulations, Proposed Ban on 27 Pesticides, Restricted use of Glyphosate through PCO's only, NMR by CIL been made mandatory for registration, 9 pesticide molecules ban/ restriction in Punjab on Paddy Crops and KYC Notice by CIB&RC etc.

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

Governing Body



Shri N K Aggarwal

President



Shri Atul Churiwal

Vice President



Shri R G Agarwal

Chairman Advisory Board



Shri Parikshit Mundhra

Secretary



Shri Nikhil Aggarwal

Joint Secretary



Shri Sanjay Aggarwal

Treasurer

Executive Members



Shri Keshav Anand

Executive Member



Shri Abhijit Bose

Executive Member



Shri Rakesh Dogra

Executive Member

Technical Committee



Shri Jitendra Mohan
Chairman



Dr. OP Singh
Dhanuka Agritech Limited



Shri KS Thayagarajan
Crystal Crop Care Protection Limited



Shri Rajat Srivastava
Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Limited



Shri Sushil Gather
Godrej Agrovet Limited



Shri Prajwal Nalvade
Indofil Industries Pvt. Limited



Shri Sushil Kumar Mishra
Crystal Crop Protection Limited

Secretariat



Dr. Kalyan Goswami
Director General



Mr. Girish Ahuja
General Manager



Ms. Simranjeet Kaur
Public Relation Officer

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2nd Annual General Meeting, September 16, 2019

Minutes of Meeting

The Annual General meeting of ACFI was held on September 16, 2019 in New Delhi. List of attendees are in Annexure 1. The agenda along with the decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

Shri NK Aggarwal, President, ACFI began with a happy note by welcoming all the members and discussed with the ACFI members, the various challenges which the Industry and Farmers are facing.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 5th General Body Meeting held on May 20, 2019 at the Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi. The Minutes were accepted and confirmed by all the members.

1. ACFI Annual Report Presentation:

Shri Prakshit Mundhra, Secretary, ACFI presented the annual report and sought the support of all the members to fight against the common problems like illegal traders etc. Issue related to the Patent & Combinations was discussed briefly. The members of the Industry must be apprised with the legal aspects of the issue. Further, success achieved by ACFI in the last RC Meeting (RC 408) in the form of the solution on the Fake Consent Letter found a mention by Shri N.K. Aggarwal. RC decided in favour of ACFI and did what was recommended in our letter. Further, RC advised all the associations to provide the list of that authorized person for all the consent issuing firms. Recognition of ACFI by the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee and other important State Departments was appreciated. The letter of Introduction to all the important Departments related to this sector was acknowledged as well.

2. Balance Sheet 2018-19 Presentation:

- Shri Girish Ahuja, General Manager, ACFI presented the Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Income & Expenditure account as on March 31, 2019, the same has been finalized and placed before the board for their approval. The same was approved by all the members present in the AGM.

- Auditor for the year 2019-20: It was unanimously approved that M/s Manoj Ritu & Associates will be appointed as the statutory auditor of the society for the Financial Year 2019-2020.

3. Admission Fee of ACFI

To attract more memberships from the small companies, it was suggested that the admission fee for the new members should be reduced. The matter was discussed in details and it was finalized that ACFI will introduce a new category “Associate Membership” – but Associate Member won’t be having the voting right. It was proposed by Shri Atul Churiwal, Krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Limited that we can charge One-time admission fee for the Membership for Associate Member, INR 1,00,000 (1 Lakh) along with yearly Subscription Fee INR 1,00,000 (1 Lakh) plus Govt. applicable taxes. It was seconded by Shri N.K. Aggarwal, Crystal Crop Protection Limited and Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Limited with the acceptance of all other members present.

4. Formation of New Working Committee

Though Shri N.K. Aggarwal voluntarily stepped down from the post of President but as per the discussion and request of other members his term as the president of ACFI has been extended for one more year. Below is the Final Working committee for the year 2019-20 of the ACFI

- President – Shri N. K. Aggarwal, Crystal Crop Protection Limited.
- Vice President – Shri Atul Churiwal, Krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Limited.
- Chairman Advisory Board - Shri R.G. Agarwal, Dhanuka Agritech Limited.
- Secretary – Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Limited.
- Joint Secretary – Shri Nikhil Aggarwal, Ichiban Crop Science Pvt. Limited.
- Treasurer – Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Indiogulf Crop Science Pvt. Limited.
- Executive Member - Shri Keshav Anand, Parijat Industries India Pvt. Limited.
- Executive Member - Shri Abhijit Bose, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Limited.
- Executive Member - Shri Rakesh Dogra, Godrej Agrovet Limited.

5. Open Discussion with the permission of Chair

ACFI to coordinate with all the registered and National Associations to work on the common agenda for the welfare of the Farmers, Society and the Industry.

Crop Grouping- It was decided that a brief can be made and circulated to all the members for their knowledge and reference. Shri K.S. Thyagarajan to make the brief. The same stands approved in RC 407 (RC meeting was held on 14.08.2019).

- ACFI to have bi-monthly meeting sponsored by members.
- Shri R.G. Aggarwal has invited all the members for the Seminar on Agriculture scheduled on October 14-15, 2019 sans sponsorship but requested attendance of all the members.
- ACFI was invited by Shri P.S. Singh, Indian Chemical Council (Special Invitee) for the Seminar on "Role of Agrochemicals for sustainable Agriculture" scheduled to be held on September 20, 2019 at Hotel Mountview, Chandigarh.

6. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri N.K. Aggarwal.

Balance Sheet and Statement of Income & Expenditure

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2020

(All amounts are in Indian Rupees, unless otherwise stated)

Liabilities	For the year ended 31 March 2020	For the year ended 31 March 2019	Assets	For the year ended 31 March 2020	For the year ended 31 March 2019
Corpus Fund	4,275,000	4,025,000	Excess of Expenditure over Income	-	1,630,570
Current Liabilities			Fixed Assets		
Audit Fees Payable	45,000	30,000	Laptop	21,900	-
GST Payable	-	564,033	Current Assets		
Advance Advocate/Legal Fees	2,440,678	-	Cash-in-hand	5,000	5,000
TDS Payable	20,000	310,007	Bank Balance	7,460,995	1,760,997
Receivable from Members	2,500	-	GST Receivable	20,472	475,973
Provision for Income tax (Net of TDS)	518,983	-	GST - Cash Ledger	12,000	-
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,085,706	-	Receivable from Members	180,000	494,000
			TDS Recievable		
			A. Y 2018-19	225,000	225,000
			A. Y 2019-20	337,500	337,500
			A. Y 2020-21 (Deferred)	125,000	-
Total	8,387,867	4,929,040	Total	8,387,867	4,929,040

Notes forms an integral part of the Financial Statement.

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For Manoj Ritu & Associates

Chartered Accountants

FRN-020440N

Akshay Jain

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Partner

M.No. 546029



Place: New Delhi

Dated: 07.09.2020

UDIN: 20546029AAAACQ8917

For Agro Chem Federation of India

Nand Kishore Aggarwal

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President

Place: New Delhi

Dated: 07.09.2020

Nikhil Aggarwal

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Joint Secretary

Place: New Delhi

Dated: 07.09.2020

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2020

(All amounts are in Indian Rupees, unless otherwise stated)

Expenditure	For the year ended 31 March 2020	For the year ended 31 March 2019	Income	For the year ended 31 March 2019	For the year ended 31 March 2019
Consultancy Expenses	1,100,000	1,200,000	Annual Subscription Fee	4,750,000	6,750,000
Farmer Meeting Expenses	-	64,625	Subscription For Legal Advocate Fee	-	5,434,322.00
Legal & Professional	143,000	5,273,075			
Printing & Stationary	64,652	92,091			
Fee & Taxes	-	28,770			
Audit Fees	15,000	15,000			
Website Design & Development Expenses	-	81,000			
Telephone & Internet Expenses	4,500	-			
Postage & Courier	3,133	-			
Depreciation (Note 3)	14,600	-			
Bank Charges	937	1,044			
Reimbursement- Consultancy	110,000	-			
Travelling and conveyance	21,549	177,257			
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,371	3,942			
Provision for Income Tax	553,983	-			
Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,716,276	5,247,518			
Total	4,750,000	12,184,322	Total	4,750,000	12,184,322


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Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 31 March 2020

(All amounts are in Indian Rupees, unless otherwise stated)

1 Background

Agro-Chem Federation of India was incorporated on 07-June-2017 having registered office of the society at 409, 4th floor, Salcon Arium, District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025

2 Significant Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost conventions and on accrual basis of accounting.

b) Revenue Recognition

Income from services is accounted for on accrual basis and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, Revenue for services is recognized when earned and are realizable at the time of billing.

c) Income Tax

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to the tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received after considering uncertainty related to income taxes, if any. It is measured using tax rates applicable under the Income-tax Act, 1961.

d) Cash and Bank

Cash and Bank comprise cash at banks and on hand (including imprest) and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

e) Corpus Fund

Corpus fund related to fund contributed by the founder member at incorporation and fees received on admission of an member of society.

f) Provisions and contingent liabilities

A provision is recognised when the trust has a present obligation as a result of past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, in respect of which reliable estimate can be made.

These are reviewed at each balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimates. Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the financial statements. A Contingent Asset is neither recognised nor disclosed in the financial statements.

g) Previous year comparatives

Previous year's figures have been reworked, regrouped rearranged & reclassified wherever considered necessary.

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6th General Body Meeting, January 10, 2020

Minutes of Meeting

The 6th General body meeting of ACFI was held on January 10, 2020 at Le Meridien Hotel, New Delhi. List of attendees is in Annexure 2. The agenda along with the decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

In his welcome remarks, **Shri NK Aggarwal**, President, ACFI welcomed “Amish Crop Science Pvt Limited.” who is the new member of ACFI and the special invitee for the day – Mr. S.K. Chaudhary from Safex Chemicals India Limited and Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal from Insecticides India Limited along with all our esteemed members. He also emphasised that ACFI is doing a incredible job with reference to its work and follow ups done on ACFI’s representations and discussed the various challenges faced by ACFI with the members, as mentioned below.

1. **Shri Girish Ahuja, General Manager, ACFI** has highlighted the major achievements of ACFI since last meeting:

- Success on the fight against the issue of Fake Consent Letters
- Success on the action against illegal import of pesticides and other illegal activities
- Restoration of Kolkata port for import of pesticides under Insecticides Rules by Kolkata High Court video order passed by it for writ petition filed by ACFI.
- ACFI has conducted 3 Technical Committee Meetings and 1 Regulatory Meeting in last 4 months and doing regular follow ups with the concerned departments based on the decisions taken in these meetings.

2. With reference to our achievement on **success of the action against illegal import of pesticides and other illegal activities** **Shri S. K. Chaudhary (Special invitee)** said that they have a manufacturing unit at Kathua (J&K) in the name of Best Crop Science. The CIB has taken it as a member of the Best Group and requested ACFI to kindly look into it, if a rejoinder is filed with CIB requesting them to concentrate on specific units and not on all companies having the word ‘Best’ in its name.”

Shri N. K. Aggarwal, President assured that ACFI will send a correction letter to CIB & RC from ACFI on this matter.

3. **Shri Jitendra Mohan & Shri K. S. Thyagarajan** presented the updates on Technical Committee & Regulatory Meetings. Following points were discussed during the meeting:

- **Processing of files in all the categories taking lot of time and how to reduce the process time for approval of files and issuance of certificates:**

ACFI has been relentlessly addressing this issue and it was decided that ACFI should take all the pending cases from its members having complete data and are of 5-6 years old. ACFI would follow up of such files with CIB&RC, seeking reply from them as to why these files are not cleared yet.

It was also decided that President, ACFI along with Shri RG Agarwal will meet JS (PP) and seek presentation on these issues. Further, ACFI along with the likeminded associations should take the issue of 'shortage of manpower' with CIB&RC, at the Ministerial level. It was decided that ACFI will also write a short note to Mr. N. S. Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister (Agriculture) and Mr. Rupala, Hon'ble MOS (Agriculture) for speeding up the pending cases.

- **Simplification of guidelines for 9(3) and 9(4) registrations-** A sub-committee under the chairmanship of Ms. Sandhya Kulshrestha was formed on the said issue. It was decided that ACFI will draft the guidelines for 9 (3) and 9 (4) registrations and circulate the same to all its members for their comments. Shri NK Aggarwal has suggested including the provision of 9(3B) provisional registrations before issuing 9(3) registrations, wherein after issuing the 9(3B) the CIB should draw the sample of commercial production from the factory and once the sample get pass then only the permanent registration should be issued. As, almost all the countries are following this including Pakistan but India is not following the same.
- **Clarification for metabolic study in livestock for 9(3) – TI (NS) registrations-** after doing rigorous follow up with CIB&RC, CIB has not categorized crops to be classified as fodder crops. Therefore, it was decided that ACFI will make an agenda of 3-4 serious issues including the Metabolic study issue and take up with JS (PP)
- **Guidelines for residue analysis as per recommendations of Dr K. K. Sharma committee-** It was decided that Shri RG Agarwal and Shri NK Aggarwal to fix a meeting with Dr. K.K. Sharma on an urgent basis preferably in January 2020 and discuss this important issue, before guidelines for residue analysis are enforced. It was decided that status co with regards to the procedure of residue studies been conducted now shouldn't be conducted.
- **Fake consent letters for 9(4) – FIM registration-** another big achievement of ACFI where in RC has taken the decision in favour of ACFI's representation and decided to ask the applicant to submit original affidavit (hard copy) for the consent. If no consent letter on original affidavit (hard copy) is received within 30 days from the hoisting of the minutes of RC 412, same will be apprised to RC for closure of the case.

Further to ACFI follow up on the same issue, RC deliberated it more on Reconsideration of application of some small formulators who arranged fake consent letter (affidavit) for supply of Technical grade material required for manufacturing the formulations under section 9(4) and took a serious cognizance of the illegal activities committed by some of the applicants and decided to call back the registration certificates issued to applicants.

Therefore, it was decided that ACFI will send a complete list of consent letters issued by the respective companies with CIB&RC so that it will help the department to investigate further.

- **5-batch Analysis for 9(3) – TI & 9(4) – TIM registrations-** RC has made 5-batch analysis mandatory for 9(3) – TIM registrations as per the decision taken in its 410 Meeting. ACFI recommends implementing 5-batch analysis for 9(3) – TI and 9(4) – TIM registrations also. We have to take it seriously and the purpose is to have only the serious/ long term players in the industry. Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, IIL, told that CCFI will not be in favour of 5 Batch Analysis. Shri NK Aggarwal suggested that we can have a joint meeting of the Technical Committee members of ACFI, CCFI and CLI to discuss the issue and take a common stand in the interest of the Industry. Shri Jitendra Mohan will make a note on Advantages and Disadvantages of 5 Batch Analysis and circulate to all members.
- **Review of 27 molecules as per recommendation of Dr Anupam Verma committee + 8 other products-** ACFI's members have submitted the data as required by the committee.
 - ✓ Crystal is pursuing the case for Carbendazim and Carbofuran.
 - ✓ Willowood is pursuing the case for Oxyfluorfen.
 - ✓ Sinochem is following the case for Butachlor.
- **Draft guidelines on biostimulants for inclusion in FCO-** Stakeholder comments by ACFI sent to ministry on 27-11-2019. Further, Joint meeting held with Bio Agri Solutions Association of India (BASAI) on this matter on 30-12-2019 and following points was discussed:
 - To keep biostimulants out of ambit of the Essential Commodities Act
 - Provisional registration of biostimulants
 - ✓ Validity of 2 years under FCO Application shall be made within 6 months of the notification of guidelines by the Central Government
 - ✓ Application for regular registration shall be made 6 months prior to the expiry of provisional registration
 - ✓ Provisional registration shall be deemed valid till grant of regular registration by the Central Government
 - Non-grant of me-too registration of biostimulants

- Inclusion of independent DSIR/ NABL/ GLP accredited private laboratories as referral laboratories for retesting of samples of biostimulants drawn by fertilizer inspectors from dealer's shops
- RTT permit for import of samples of biostimulants for data generation purpose
- Fixation of permissible limits for Nickel and Mercury in biostimulants similar to that of city compost, vermicompost and press mud
- Clarification on shelf-life claim on whether claim will suffice or that has to be substantiated with data
- **Gazette notification for modifications in label and leaflet-**Whole industry is facing a lot of challenges while following the Gazette notification on labels and leaflets and it is practically not possible to follow the given guidelines. Therefore, we can schedule a joint meeting of ACFI, CCFI & CLI with JS (PP) to discuss the issue and get the solution. It was further decided that, before meeting JS (PP) ACFI can call a joint meeting of the technical committee members of ACFI, CCFI & CLI and make a joint representation and share the same details with JS (PP).
- **Purity issue with registration of technical for import at the time of extension of validity of certificate of registration-** FAO guidelines clearly states that if the purity of the product increases by up to 10%, without change in the chemical composition, then there will not be any change in the toxicity of the product. Shri RG Agarwal had a meeting with Mr. Malhotra on the same issue, it was requested from Shri RG Agarwal to share the discussion held with Mr. Malhotra with ACFI members based on the discussion ACFI will send its representation.

Just for the information, CIB&RC issued public notice clarifying the same & the notice was circulated to all the members on January 15, 2020.

- **Guidelines for TI v/s FI registration as per Gujarat High Court order-** ACFI to send request to CIB&RC for permission to make presentation before RC on this matter.

Shri NK Aggarwal has requested all the members that if any member is facing any endorsement issue with CIB&RC, he may write to ACFI so that ACFI can take it forward and expedite the matter.

Further, Shri NK Aggarwal warned all the members with regards to new PMB and requested all the members to make the formulations/ material be so strong and as per the BIS standards so that Industry may not face any issue later with Department. New PMB is going to be very strict for the industry and we should be more cautious on quality of the product.

Issue of Data Protection- Shri NK Aggarwal suggested that like Pharma Industry has come together, the agrochemical Industry can come together and discuss the issue on common platform along with the technical players from each association and find a solution for the issue. "ACFI strongly support Data Protection".

4. **Tackling with problems of illegal imports and Spurious Players-** Industry image is hampered in the market because of the spurious pesticides in industry. We need to make an action plan to change the image of the industry in the market. CCFI has an objection to publishing/ mentioning the name of spurious pesticide in the market as this will dilute the image of the pesticide industry as a whole. Shri RG Agarwal is working very hard to expose the various spurious players from the market. All the Departments/ Ministry/ common people doubt the whole Pesticide industry that they are making the fake pesticides. It is high time that all the associations come together and work on the solution of these common industry problems and try to address this issue. ACFI would like to take this forward.
5. **How to improve the image of Pesticides Industry-** The perception about the pesticides industry is not good in the market place and we need to work on improving the image of the Industry on a serious note. Some of the suggested ways are:
 - ✓ Organize the workshop for the Politicians, Bureaucrats, Farmers, Academics, Scientists, and Media etc.
 - ✓ Propagate through Social Media.
 - ✓ Promote Directly through Poster Activity
 - ✓ Every member should keep some percentage of funds under the CSR activity for this issue.

Shri NK Aggarwal has suggested that we can open an NGO for this and make a budget for some activities for a year and based on the results we can take it forward.

ACFI has distributed a token of gift of 2020, personalized diary to the ACFI members and the special invitees present in the meeting.

Shri Sanjay Aggarwal concluded the meeting with warm wishes for everyone for the New Year 2020 and a vote of thanks to all the members and the special invitees.

Shri RG Agarwal from Dhanuka Agritech Limited hosted the lunch to all the members present.

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7th General Body Meeting, June 15, 2020

Minutes of VC Meeting

The 7th GB meeting of ACFI was held on **June 15, 2020** at 11:00 am on ZOOM app. List of attendees are in Annexure 3. The agenda points along with the decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:

In his welcome remark, Shri NK Aggarwal, President, ACFI, began on a happy note by welcoming the new members in the ACFI family; NACL Industries Limited, Natco Pharma Limited, Safex Chemicals India Limited and all the ACFI esteemed members.

1. **Shri Girish Ahuja** has presented the confirmation of the 6th GB meeting minutes that was held on January 10, 2020 at Le Meridien Hotel, New Delhi. After the discussion on the Minutes of meeting and action taken on the previous meeting held, the discussion was made on the current agenda of the GB Meeting. The following observations were made:
2. **Discussion on Draft Gazette Notification on Banning of 27 Pesticides**
 - **Shri NK Aggarwal**, President ACFI has initiated the topic with giving the brief on the topic and the various actions taken by ACFI and also writing a letter of giving full support to other National level Associations like CCFI & CLI on resolving this issue.
 - **Shri RG Agarwal** appreciated the efforts of Shri NK Aggarwal for writing a letter and giving ACFI's full support to CCFI on this matter but he further informed the group that unfortunately CCFI is not interested in joining hands with ACFI on this matter. He further, updated with the discussions held during the webinar on June 6, 2020 on draft Gazette notification on banning of 27 pesticides. He informed the members that if CCFI is not supporting ACFI then we should continue with submitting our independent representation to the Ministry of Agriculture.
 - a) He further requested all the members to put extra pressure; provide postcards or inland letters to their respective staff and ask them to get in touch with the farmer bodies & farmers community requesting them to write to the Agriculture Ministry mentioning the benefits and cost effectiveness of these generic pesticides
 - b) He made a strategy to deal with this issue - ACFI will approach in two different ways one; meeting the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister along with Shri Ramesh Chand, member Niti Aayog and discuss this issue on one to one basis and secondly pressurizing the Government through farmers and farmers association.

- Action point:

Shri RG Agarwal will take an appointment with the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture to discuss this issue.

- Shri Keshav Anand has informed the group that there is a case presently going on in the Supreme Court in which there are 91 pesticides for consideration.
 - a) Dr Anupam Verma committee has asked for only 27 pesticides and none of the industry members has submitted the entire data on these molecules except Mancozeb. If we go legal then the Supreme Court will definitely raise a question from the industry as to why the industry didn't submit the data on time and we need to find a solution for this.
 - b) Further, APEDA is also in favour of banning these 27 pesticides, we need to focus on that as well as APEDA is also a very huge body. Other than lobbying with the Central Government we should have a scientific approach towards solving this issue.
- Shri Jitendra Mohan informed the members that Shri K S Thyagarajan along with him are working on compiling the scientific data. Crystal had submitted complete data on carbendazim and Willowood Chemicals along with Corteva and Adama has already submitted all the relevant data with regards to Oxyfluorfen to CIB&RC on 2 crops - Direct seeded paddy and Onion. There's an issue of residue on Groundnut so the task force didn't submit any study/data on Groundnut.
- Shri Girish Ahuja has given an update on ACFIs action on this draft Gazette Notification:
 - a) Filled an RTI on June 2, 2020 based on the details from task force
 - b) Sent letter to Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture with copy to MOS, Secretary (Agriculture), Commissioner Agriculture & JS (PP)
 - c) Sent the letters to Chief Ministers, Agriculture Ministers and other officials of More than 20 States
 - d) Sent letters to VC of more than 50 Agricultural Universities
 - e) Sent letters to various State level Associations
 - f) Sent letter to CHEMEXCIL and Indian Chemical Council
 - g) Sent letter to More than 40 Growers Associations of India.
 - h) ACFI has conducted various Video Conferences on the issue
 - i) Technical Committee Meeting on May 22, 2020
 - j) 1st Task Force Meeting on May 28, 2020
 - k) 2nd Task Force Meeting on June 03, 2020
 - l) ACFI has participated in Webinar on "Impact of Government of India's draft order on the Banning of Insecticides" organized by Ray Consulting on June 6, 2020 (Mr K. S. Thyagarajan & Mr. Jitendra Mohan)
 - m) The task force report shall be submitted for the consideration of the Technical Committee and Board for approval by next week.

- **Action points:**

- a) Shri N.K. Aggarwal will talk to Mr Rajju Shroff (CCFI) and Mr Rajendra Velegala (CLI) again to come on common platform and take this jointly otherwise this will give a wrong message in front of the Ministry and the Scientists that the industry is divided and this will ultimately affect industry itself.
- b) ACFI Task force will have to make its representation proposed ban on 27 pesticides in a scientific manner on the basis of safety and the residue issues for which the Ministry, APEDA and other NGOs are concerned.
- c) ACFI Technical team should meet APEDA and the All India Rice Exporters Association to discuss the issues raised by them by informing about the safe use of these generic pesticides. (Action: Mr K.S. Thyagarajan)
- d) While ACFI is strongly supporting the 'Make in India' initiative of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, the ACFI Technical team can also meet Dr Mahapatra from ICAR and give a presentation on the molecules which ACFI members are defending, mentioning the benefits to the farmers.

3. Discussion on PMB 2020 and way forward

- **Shri N K Aggarwal** has proposed to the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister during FICCI video conference on June 11, 2020 to reduce penalties in PMB in line with provisions of Section 69 of FSSAI Act, especially for misbranding of samples. The Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture has advised to suggest mechanisms to ensure that only quality products reach the farmers and scrupulous manufacturers are eliminated from the penalties. The aim is to protect the interests of farmers.
- **Shri RG Agrawal** has informed the group that FICCI is writing a strong letter on this with detail to the Ministry of Agriculture. He will be meeting the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture by next week. Further, they are sending the letter to all the MPs of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha mentioning PMB 2020 and draft notification on 27 pesticides through the various farmers association. It was requested to all the group members to give their support on both the burning issues and support the association while sending its representation.
- **Shri Krishnamurthy Ganesan** has given a suggestion that there should be clear demarcation between products and off specs products that should be explained in the representation and the other suggestion is all the Government labs should be NABL accredited and maintain proper standards. Reports from such accredited labs only will be accepted.
- **Shri RG Agarwal** has given an example of FSSAI guidelines where there is a clear provision that laboratories should be NABL accredited only. Secondly, as per FSSAI act there is a

provision of compounding of unintentional error on minor variation. This can be applied on PMB 2020 as well.

Action Point:

- ACFI will write a letter to the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and the various opposition leaders highlighting the situation and requesting them to amend the same in the new bill. Shri RG Agarwal will share the letter from FICCI with ACFI and ACFI will make its representation on similar lines for PMB 2020.

4. Reforms in CIB&RC:

- **Shri NK Agarwal** has listed some major issues with CIB&RC:
 - a) Shortage of manpower
 - b) Shortage of competent officers
 - c) No systems & No accountability and responsibility of the officers
 - d) The autonomous body as per section 5 of insecticides act is not operating, it is the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India is operating in CIB&RC.
 - e) Plant Protection Advisor is a tech post in the Government of India. So this required an independent PPA for this roll. He should be having a technical Background.

Action Points:

It is suggested that ACFI should make a separate committee who can take up all these issues with the Government of India. Starting from making the guidelines, as the guidelines are itself is very confusing and because of this no new molecules is coming in India and it is taking almost 6 to 7 years for getting the registration of any molecule.

- **ACFI Secretariat**
- It is required to have a senior Technical person in ACFI who can do the liasoning with the Senior Government Officials in the various Ministries. The group has identified a candidate from the National Seeds Association of India having exposure in the Agriculture industry for this post. The cost would cost around 30 to 50 lacs per annum. As we just have one single person running the secretariat whereas the other Associations are running with more manpower. ACFI is also expanding and so are the challenges. This will require more manpower in ACFI.
- Shri NK Aggarwal ji informed all the members that the senior members of ACFI have taken a pledge to support this association in every way.
 - a) Shri Krishnamurthy Ganesan supported having an extra man power in the ACFI secretariat but was not sure about the package of that person.
 - b) Shri Atul Churiwal supported to have more people in the ACFI secretariat.
 - c) Shri Prashant Krishnamurthy also supported the suggestion.

- **Shri Girish Ahuja** informed the president that because of lack of supporting staff the Secretariat is not able to do the liasoning with the Government officials but if we get a supporting staff that will be enough to strengthen ACFI. Shri NK Agarwal answered that this is the management decision and this can be dealt separately with the committee.
- Shri RG Agarwal has suggested making the secretariat office. A committee of 4 Senior Members was made comprising Shri Parikshit Mundhra; Shri RG Agarwal; Shri NK Aggarwal and Shri Salil Singhal. They will negotiate with the identified candidate and also work on to develop the secretariat.

Shri NK Aggarwal concluded the meeting with a Vote of thanks to all the members.

Technical, Regulatory & Task Force Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Point of Discussions</u>	<u>Stand Taken by ACFI</u>
TECHNICAL		
23-Sept-2020	Concerns/ objections on the new pre-screening checklist of CIB&RC.	ACFI has drafted a Representation questioning the validity of the pre-screening list uploaded in the CIB&RC website and also stated the issue of contempt of court.
	Policy allowing imports of ready-made pesticide formulations without registering Technical Grade Products and Proposed ban on 27 generic Pesticides	ACFI requested all the members to share their comments and inputs in writing.
2- Sept- 2020	To discuss “Know your Company”. <i>Ref: Minutes of 420th RC Meeting, Agenda item No. 10.29</i>	Companies will submit the required infrastructure information to the CIB&RC. However, in the case of financial data, it is nowhere related to the department, so the stakeholders won't furnish with the same (representation has been sent to CIB&RC)
	Label & Leaflet <i>Ref: Gazette Notification dated 25 April, 2020.</i>	Brainstorming suggested among all the members to find out alternatives (to the Multi- Layer Packaging) to this issue before sending the representation.
	Challenges faced by Industry due to the sample testing in SPTL/ RPTL.	Members been requested to share relevant data.
2- July -2020	Information to be provided under QR Code - Amendment in the Insecticides Rules, 1971 regarding Label and Leaflets	ACFI members should keep both the options GS1 and URL with some offline details.
	Issue related to packaging approval. <i>Ref: Decision taken in the minutes of RC 417.</i>	ACFI has sent representation on this subject to JS (PP) with copy to the Chairman RC & Secretary, CIB&RC.
	Minimum purity in India as per US EPA <i>Ref: Minutes of RC 417</i>	ACFI sent the representation to CIB&RC.
22-May-2020	Public notice for minor changes in formulation	ACFI has sent the representation to CIB&RC.

	<p>Draft notification on proposed ban on 27 pesticides</p> <p><i>Ref: Gazette Notification dated May 14, 2020</i></p>	ACFI asked the Government to name the alternatives and their cost affectivity, label claims Etc.
12- May- 2020	Discussion on the report of the Sub-committee to review certain issues related to Registration of pesticides	Looking into the opinion of FAO and practices in different countries, ACFI does not agree with the requirement of five batch report when the increase in purity of active ingredients is within 10%."
7-Nov-2019	Biostimulants draft guidelines	ACFI has sent the representation to MoA&FW
	<p>Labels & Leaflets</p> <p><i>Ref: Gazette Notification dated October 11, 2019</i></p>	<p>ACFI wrote a letter to the Department to get the clarity on various issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity on the number of languages • Only English language should be there in label of primary packaging of ultra-small packing due to space constraint in it • Clarity on the font size, the QR Code • Package size
	<p>Follow up action of Dr Anupam Verma Committee commendation</p> <p><i>Ref: Minutes of RC 409 and discussions in 410 RC Meeting</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIB&RC reviewed the report of Dr. Anupam Verma Committee and issued a notification of holding the CR of 27 mentioned pesticides, ACFI visited CIB&RC along with the members to defend their respective products.
	<p>Simplification of 9(3) and 9(4) guidelines.</p> <p><i>Ref: Agenda item no. 1.3 of Minutes of 410 RC Meeting</i></p>	ACFI wrote a letter to CIB&RC requesting them to take the inputs from the Stakeholders on the same.
	<p>Simplification of guidelines for 9(3) and 9(4) of generic pesticides and modifications in the labels.</p> <p><i>Ref: Agenda item no. 1.2 of Minutes of 410 RC Meeting</i></p>	ACFI wrote a letter to CIB&RC asking for the definition of the Generic and for the various modifications in the labels as it is in variance with the gazette notification dated October 11, 2019 for amendments in label and leaflet.
	<p>Issue - 5 batch analysis for 9(3) import registrations</p> <p><i>Ref: Agenda item no. 1.4 of 410 RC Meeting</i></p>	ACFI wrote a letter to CIB&RC suggesting them to implement the same in 9(3) TI and 9(4) TIM
REGULATORY		
28- Aug- 2020	<p>Know your Company</p> <p><i>Ref: Minutes of 420th RC Meeting vide Agenda item No. 10.29</i></p>	ACFI to arrange a video conference with the technical members on the KYC issue (later on it took place on 2 nd Sept. 2020)

	Discussion on the challenges faced by the Industry members with regards to the sample testing in SPTL/ RPTL.	<p>It was suggested to all the members to share the information regarding product failure in the SPTL/ RPTL but passed in CIL.</p> <p>Accordingly representation/ legal course of action can be thought of.</p> <p>ACFI Secretariat team has visited DG, Agriculture, Haryana and submitted the representation along with SOP's for the state to follow.</p>
7- May- 2020	<p>Discussion Label & Leaflets</p> <p><i>Ref: Gazette Notification on April 24, 2020</i></p>	<p>ACFI has sent its representation to the department mentioning that the pesticide manufactured until 9 months from the date of final notification, shall be distributed, sold, exhibit for sale or stocked till their shelf-life/ expiry.</p> <p>Label requirement of secondary packs for small packs may please be reconsidered and made as optional.</p> <p>Only one language may be made compulsory for ultra-small pack sizes and that too with minimum information.</p>
	Comments on Report of the Sub-committee to review certain issues related to Registration of pesticides.	ACFI has sent the stakeholders comments to CIB&RC.
	Pending 9(3) Certificates	ACFI wrote to CIB&RC on the pending 9(3) certificates on behalf of all the members and request them to expedite the cases.
	Minor change in formulations in reference to certain solvents	After deliberating this matter with the Executive committee. ACFI has sent its representation to JS (PP).
28- April- 2020	Discussion on PMB 2020	<p>A presentation was made highlighting the below points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision on existing registration- Section 23 (1&2) • Central Government & State Government Ban on pesticide- Section 35 (1-6) • Central Government & State Government Ban on pesticide- Section 35 (7) • Offences and punishments Section 43-54 • Nomination: Section 52 (1&2) • Power to Central Government for Price control: Section 57 • Lack of prosecution of Central Government & State Government officers- Section 60 • Compensation under Consumer Protection Act, 1986- Section 61

	<p>Discussion on Labels & Leaflets</p> <p><i>Ref: New GSR notification, dated April 24, 2020</i></p>	<p>A joint meeting with CLI was arranged and it was decided that both the national level associations will come on same platform and send a joint representation, on small and ultra- small pack and number of languages to print on label.</p>
30- Dec-2019	<p>Label Leaflet</p> <p><i>Ref: Draft Gazette Notification of 1st January 2019</i></p>	<p>ACFI has sent the representation to the concerned department based on the inputs of all the members</p>
	<p>Purity issue with regard to registration of technical for Import</p>	<p>ACFI has sent the representation to the concerned department</p>
	<p>Delay in revalidation for 9(3)/ 9(4) registration cases</p>	<p>All the members were requested to provide the details.</p>
	<p>Guidelines for TI Vs FI as per Gujarat High court order</p>	<p>ACFI representative will make a presentation for RC.</p>
	<p>Form -I issues (Regarding filling the information)</p>	<p>No further actions were to be taken till the sub-committee submit its report.</p>
	<p>TASK FORCE</p>	
4-July-2020	<p>Minimum purity in India as per US EPA</p> <p><i>Ref: RC 417</i></p> <p>(Earlier discussed in Technical committee Meeting).</p>	<p>ACFI sent the representation "Supporting the recommendations given in the report by the in-house group"</p> <p>Looking into the opinion of FAO and practices in different countries, ACFI does not agree with the requirement of five batch report when the increase in purity of active ingredients is within 10%."</p>
	<p>Action Points for the Task Force</p> <p><i>Ref: Draft Gazette Notification on banning of 27 products Dated May 14,2020</i></p>	<p>ACFI sent its final representation to the Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare</p>
6- June-2020	<p>Updates on the action taken</p> <p><i>Ref: Draft Gazette Notification on banning of 27 products Dated May 14,2020</i></p>	<p>Filled an RTI on June 2, 2020 based on the details from task force</p> <p>Sent letter to Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture with copy to MOS, Secretary (Agriculture), Commissioner Agriculture & JS (PP)</p> <p>Sent the letters to Chief Ministers, Agriculture Ministers and other officials of various States</p> <p>Sent letters to VC of more than 50 Agricultural Universities</p> <p>Sent letters to various State level Associations</p>

28-May-2020	<p>Action Plan on proposed ban of 27 pesticides</p> <p><i>Ref: Draft Gazette Notification on banning of 27 products Dated May 14,2020</i></p>	<p>ACFI will focus on the products which the ACFI member companies are manufacturing/ exporting/ selling. Accordingly they would prepare the dossier and represent to the department.</p>
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Policy Interventions

- **Label and leaflet** – The Gazette of India Published a notification, dated 14th October, 2019, stating the required amendments in label and leaflets. ACFI secretariat and the technical team has made several visits to the concerned officials and have submitted various representations to the Government conveying the challenges face by the industry to accumulate new guidelines given by the Government. After the persistent follow up with the department, ACFI member company “Crystal Crop Protection Limited.” has filled a writ in the court as the Co- Petitioner against the notification.
- **Ban on Tricyclazole and Buprofezin-** As per the draft notification dated, 3rd February, 2020, proposed that, no person shall import, formulate, manufacture, sell, transport, distribute, stock and use these 2 pesticides namely “Tricyclazole and Buprofezin”. ACFI, after having various inter association meetings and Join meetings with other associations and Stakeholders has sent a representation to the concerned department requesting them to revisit their decision and to provide the industry sufficient opportunities and time to effectively share its perspectives and concerns. Further, stating that said pesticides are highly effective and economical in controlling rice blast disease. There are no concerns to the safety of ecosystem as these pesticides have been approved by CIB&RC in India and other major rice growing countries such as Japan, Brazil, South Korea, China, Taiwan, etc. considering their safety and efficacy.
- **Minor Changes in the Formulations-** ACFI has submitted stake holder comments with reference to the Public Notice No. 24-01/2019.CIR.I dated April 28, 2020 for Proposal of Minor Changes in the Formulations. A representation has been sent to the CIB&RC requesting the department to provide a list of adjuvants and solvents that it propose to ban looking into their carcinogenicity and other hazardous properties along with list of chemicals that can be their replacements, phase out of the said formulations should be done in 4-5 years as per the global practice. Further, the minimal data requirement for minor changes in formulations should be finalized by Registration Committee after proper consultations with stakeholders only. Moreover, it was requested to the department to leave it to the industry to decide on whether they want to get the approval for minor changes in a particular formulation from Registration Committee or not.
- **Comments on the report of the Sub-Committee constituted by the RC regarding miscellaneous issues being faced while considering various applications under different categories-** ACFI has submitted its comments to the department after deliberating RC’s recommendation with all of its members. Three categories mentioned were 1) Difference in the purity of the already registered product and fresh application for additional manufacturing site to import the same product. 2) Difference in the purity of already registered product from the same source. 3) Endorsement of additional approved source having different chemical composition for the same product. ACFI agreed with most of the

recommendations, however, we recommend, requirement of five batch analysis report for new 9(3)-Technical Import/ TIM and 9(4)-TIM registrations. And, that joint consent letter issued by 9(3) Indian registrant and approved overseas manufacturer/ source should only be considered for grant of 9(4) TI Registration.

- **27 Pesticide Ban** – After the Gazette notification, dated 14 May, 2020, regarding the ban of 27 pesticides through-out India, ACFI has been following up with the Government on this issue. We have submitted various representations to the Vice Chancellors of all the Agricultural Universities, the State level Associations, Hon'ble Minister of MoA&FW, MOS, Secretary, Commissioner Agriculture & JS (PP) apart from this we had send a letter to the Chief Ministers of all the states and State Agriculture Ministers. ACFI secretariat along with its member companies had a meeting at CIB&RC, Faridabad, and at Krishi Bhawan to defend some of the important products which are widely used in India and abroad, economical and are safe to use by the Indian Farmers.
- **Restricted use of Glyphosate through PCO** – A draft order issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, called “Restriction on Use of Glyphosate Order, 2020”, dated 6th July, 2020, published in the Gazette of India vide notification dated 7th July, 2020”, states that the government wants to see that the application of glyphosate and its products being taken up by qualified people such as PCOs for its justified use. ACFI has taken up this matter seriously as it affects the entire industry. We have deliberated this issue in the dedicated task force and based on its conclusion sent various representations to Government of India. However it didn't generate any impactful results so, ACFI has filled a writ in Delhi High Court against the Notification.
- **9 Pesticide Molecule Ban in Punjab** – Government of Punjab has restricted the use of 9 pesticide molecules on Basmati Rice for the period of 60 days, through a Gazette Notification, dated 14 August, 2020. ACFI met the secretary and the other senior officials in the Agriculture Department, Punjab and submitted few representations to Government of Punjab stating the benefits and usage of the said pesticides in the paddy crops and other 25 crops. As a result the Department has clarified that there is restriction on the usage of these 9 pesticides on Basmati Rice but they are not banned in Punjab for other crops. ACFI requested the department to release a Public notice to clarify the confusion between the banning and restriction of the mentioned pesticides in the notification.
- **NMR by CIL been made mandatory for registration** – ACFI have sent Various Representations to the Concerned Authority to deliberate on this issue as it will affect the industry in the long run. ACFI has requested the Registration Committee to reconsider its decisions taken in its 419th and 420th meetings vis-à-vis NMR spectrum in its forthcoming 421st meeting and decide to continue with the earlier practice of issuing certificate of registration of technical grade pesticides by incorporating the condition for NMR spectrum and the implementation should be made ‘prospective’ instead of making it ‘retrospective’. Similarly, the applications for registration of technical grade pesticides may be considered for approval of Registration Committee even in absence of NMR spectrum. The continuance

of this practice will only help in reducing the pendency in Secretariat of CIB&RC and also facilitate the crop protection chemical industry to fulfil the requirements of farmers for different pesticides.

- **KYC requirement by CIB&RC** – Notification released by CIB&RC dated 20th August, 2020, issuing a check list for the industry under the initiative of “Know Your Company”. The information requested by the department includes Infrastructural and Financial Information, whereas infrastructural information will help to eliminate the spurious players of the industry, CIB&RC is nowhere concerned with financial data. ACFI have submitted a strong representation to the concerned department stating the same and giving a suggestion that the Government can digitize this process, making it easier for the industry and the Government both.

Important meetings



Meeting with Shri Kailash Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare at his office in Krishi Bhawan on June 12, 2019.



Meeting With Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member Niti Ayog on June 12, 2019



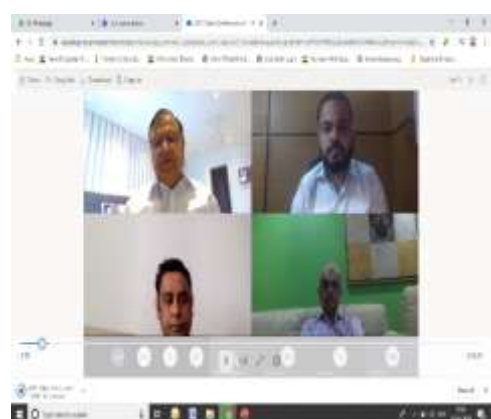
Meeting with Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member Niti Ayog, Commissioner Agriculture and Director Agriculture along with other pesticide associations and stake holders on September 24, 2019



ACFI Regulatory Meeting on December 30, 2019



6th Governing Body Meeting on 10th January, 2020



Joint VC Meeting with CLI and ACFI on Various Industry Issues on April 28, 2020



VC Meeting on important Industry Issues (9 (4) TI_Consent Form) May 19, 2020



VC Meeting on proposed Ban on 27 Pesticides May 21, 2020

Representations Sent FY 2019-2020

<i>Ref. No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject</i>
2020		
ACFI/2020/062	16-Sep-20	SPTL test anomalies & Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to overcome Counterfeit Agrochemicals & In-action of the Government officials
ACFI/2020/061	16-Sep-20	Representation on the Notification issued by CIB&RC dated 20 August, 2020 Regarding Inclusion of additional information to be sought from the Applicant under "Know your company" by the department.
ACFI/2020/059	7-Sep-20	Clarification on the notification dated 14 august- 9 pesticide ban in Punjab
ACFI/2020/058	4-Sep-20	Restrictive prohibition on sale stock distribution and use of 9 pesticides in Punjab on paddy crops
ACFI/2020/056	2-Sep-20	Request to update the departments database and update ACFI Contact details
ACFI/2020/055	1-Sep-20	Representation for decisions of RC for the status of certificates issued u/s 9(3) and 9(4) subject to NMR
ACFI/2020/054	26-Aug-20	Representation on the Notification No. S.O. 26/C.A.46/1968/S.27/2020 dated 14th August 2020 issued by the Department and Farmers' Welfare, Punjab, banning on sale, stocking, distribution and use of 9 pesticide molecules in Punjab.
ACFI/2020/053	20-Aug-20	Representation on Decisions of 419 th & 420 th Meetings of Registration Committee for Pending NMR Spectrum of Technical Grade Pesticides
ACFI/2020/052	19-Aug-20	Officials creating problems in endorsement of the new pesticides in the Principal Certificate and the licenses.
ACFI/2020/051	17-Aug-20	Objection to the proposal for enhancement of custom duty on agrochemicals formulation.
ACFI/2020/046	4-Aug-20	submission of Interim Reply to the draft order "Restriction on use of Glyphosate Order, 2020"
ACFI/2020/045	30-Jul-20	Nomination of responsible person by the companies
ACFI/2020/044		Rushed Decision taken by the department of Agriculture, Govt. of Punjab. (Ref: Proposed ban on 9 pesticides)
ACFI/2020/043	23-Jul-20	Representation for Decision of RC For the status of certified issued u/s 9(3) & 9(4) Subject to NMR
ACFI/2020/042	6-Jul-20	Stakeholder's comments from ACFI on the report of In- House working Group For "Establishment of min. Purity In India basic on the Registration of technical active ingredient by the US EPA.

ACFI/2020/041	6-Jul-20	Seeking clarification from the department on the decision taken in RC 417 with regards to packaging approval
ACFI/2020/040	29-Jun-20	National Agro Chemicals Policy For Atam Nirbhar Bharat
ACFI/2020/039	29-Jun-20	Rush decision taken by Punjab Government on the ban of 9 pesticides
ACFI/2020/038	27-Jun-20	Issues relate to the Clearance of Agri Input at the Indian Port
ACFI/2020/037	9-Jun-20	Draft Notification S.O 1521(E) and banning of insecticides order, 2020, dated 14 th may 2020
ACFI/2020/036	2-Jun-20	List of Online applications for grant of registration of formulation Indigenous Manufacturer (FMI) under section 9(4) of Insecticide Act, 1968
ACFI/2020/034	1-Jun-20	Representation on advisory issued to Punjab paddy cultivating farmers cautioning them against use of granular insecticides in primal verities of paddy
ACFI/2020/033	29-May-20	Draft Notification S.O 1521(E) and banning of insecticides order, 2020, dated 14 th may 2020
ACFI/2020/032	28-May-20	Draft Notification S.O 1521(E) and banning of insecticides order, 2020, dated 14 th may 2020
ACFI/2020/031	27-May-20	Draft Notification S.O 1521(E) and banning of insecticides order, 2020, dated 14 th may 2020
ACFI/2020/030	26-May-20	Draft Notification S.O 1521(E) and banning of insecticides order, 2020, dated 14 th may 2020
ACFI/2020/029	25-May-20	ACFI Support to CIL on the draft notification S.O. 1512 € and banning of Insecticides order 2020 dated 14th may 2020 issued by ministry of agriculture and farmers welfare
ACFI/2020/028	22-May-20	Collaboration with industry Association for Providing Quality Agri Input to Farmers
ACFI/2020/027	14-May-20	Recent notice dated 12 may 2020 to dealers/ distributors directing them not to stock or sell inter alia tricyclazole-based products
ACFI/2020/026	21-Apr-20	Collaboration with industry Association for Providing Quality Agri Input to Farmers
ACFI/2020/025	28-Mar-20	Request to allow and grant the permission to our industry members to run their factories in the state of Haryana
ACFI/2020/024	26-Mar-20	Appeal to give immediate directives to your govt. to allow manufacture, marketing/ sale, distribution and transportation of pesticides/ agrochemicals
ACFI/2020/023	17-Mar-20	Review & Reconsideration of Decision of Registration Committee taken in its 409th Meeting for Agenda Item No. 11.2 for Non-Issuance of Certificates of Registration of Products under Review on the basis of Recommendation of Dr Anupam Verma Committee
ACFI/2020/022	11-Mar-20	Fake consent letters arranged by smaller formulators
ACFI/2020/021	25-Feb-20	Writ Petition Of ACFI and others v/s union of India and others

ACFI/2020/020	21-Feb-20	Representation seeking addition of Requirement of consent from Indian Registrant for Filing Application Under 9(4) TI/FI Category
ACFI/2020/019	21-Feb-20	Incorrect Title for press release on Tricyclazole & Buprofezin
ACFI/2020/018	18-Feb-20	Fake circular from PPO, Visakhapatnam
ACFI/2020/017	18-Feb-20	Meeting request with industry associations for discussion on Gazette Notification GSR 782€
ACFI/2020/016	12-Feb-20	Comments in the report if the sub- committee constituted by RC regarding miscellaneous issues being faced while considering Various applications under different categories
ACFI/2020/015	10-Feb-20	Meeting dated Jan 22, 2020 with delegation of ACFI
ACFI/2020/014	20-Jan-20	Public Notice for submission of 5 year details of Manufacturer/ import/ export of technical grade material and formulated insecticides by the firms/stakeholders in soft copy
2019		
	27-Dec-19	Writ Petition Of ACFI and others v/s union of India and others
	21-Dec-19	Draft SOPs for paper implementation of insecticides act, 1968
	3-Dec-19	Feeding studies including metabolism livestock
	2-Dec-19	Representation seeking addition of Requirement of consent from Indian Registrant for Filing Application Under 9(4) TI/FI Category
	29-Nov-19	Stakeholder's comments for the report of the expert committee under the chairmanship of Dr. KK Sharma, ICAR-AINP on pesticide residue, IARI, new Delhi on the persistence study of plants.
	29-Nov-19	Representation seeking addition of requirements of consent form Indian registration for filling application under 9(4) TI/FI category
	27-Nov-19	Revisit of Current Guidelines for the registration of pesticides u/s 9(3) 9(4) of the insecticide act
	26-Nov-19	To reduce the processing time for approval of files and issuance of certification
	25-Nov-19	Minor variations in analysis of samples and consider compounding the same instead of criminal proceedings
	21-Nov-19	Queries on Gazette Notification Dated October 11, 2019
	13-Nov-19	Definition of Generic Insecticides and pesticides
	13-Nov-19	Comments on 5 batch Analysis Report
	14-Oct-19	Issues related to agrochemical Industries in India.
	9-oct-19	Government Philosophy of 'ease of doing business and less Government and more governance'
	4-Oct-19	Minor variations in analysis of samples and consider compounding the same instead of criminal proceedings
	1-Oct-19	Reply to later dated 18.9.2019(MoA&FW)

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Centre moves to limit use of controversial herbicide glyphosate

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“The Agriculture Department could have discussed with industry bodies and other stakeholders before coming out with this draft notification. If this decision were to be implemented, it would adversely affect agriculture production, as the herbicidal use of glyphosate would drastically be reduced. We would suggest the Government rolls back the draft order,” N K Aggarwal, President of Agro Chemicals Federation of India (ACFI) told Business Standard.

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New Delhi, Feb 21 (IANS) The Centre has imposed a ban on two widely used insecticides in rice cultivation – Tricyclazole & Buprofezin – through the Insecticide Prohibition Order 2020 under Gazette notification.

“No person shall import, formulate, manufacture, sell, transport, distribute, stock and use Tricyclazole and Buprofezin. The certificate of registration granted for Tricyclazole and Buprofezin under Section 9 of the said Act shall be deemed to be cancelled,” said the draft order, under the rules of the prohibition of insecticides, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Opposing the ban, the Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) said in a statement that millions of rice cultivating farmers will be affected by this ban.

“Rather than prohibition, Indian government should have stressed on ensuring and allowing its judicious and responsible use by farmers, considering the unique benefits of the molecule when used judiciously and positive learnings from other countries on its usage, where it has benefited farmers,” the statement said.

Outlook

Govt plans to curb glyphosate use

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- Stakeholders asked to submit objections in 30 days
- Many states allow glyphosate in non-cropped land or tea gardens
- Over 90 Indian cos engaged in manufacturing of glyphosate worth ₹1,100 crore market size

In a note shared on behalf of president of Agro-Chem Federation of India (ACFI) NK Aggarwal, the decision will adversely affect the farm output as it will drastically reduce the use of glyphosate-based herbicides. The industry is concerned that it may lead to food security issues.

Kalyan Goswami, director of ACFI, said, “The government should keep a 90-day window to accept suggestions. It is indeed disheartening that the draft order does not give any scientific explanation on the move.”

Times of India

Member Companies



Amish Crop Science Limited



Astec Life Sciences Limited



Atul Limited



Crystal Crop Protection Limited



Dhanuka Agritech Limited



Gharda Chemical Limited



Godrej Agrovet



GSP crop Science Limited



Ichiban Crop Science Limited



Indogulf Crop Science Pvt. Limited



Indofil Industries Limited



Krishi Rasayan Group



Mahamaya LifeSciences Limited

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NACL Industry Limited



NATCO Pharma Limited



Parijat Industries Pvt. Limited



Ramcides CropSciences Pvt. Limited



Safex Chemicals Pvt. Limited.

SINOCHEM

Sinochem India Company Pvt. Limited



Tagros India Chemical Limited



TROPICAL AGRO

Tropical Agro India Privet Limited



Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Limited

Annexure 1

2nd Annual General Meeting, September 16, 2019

List of Attendees

- Shri NK Aggarwal, Crystal Crop Protection
- Shri RG Agarwal, Dhanuka Agritech Limited
- Shri Atul Churiwala, Krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Limited
- Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Willowoods Chemicals Pvt. Limited
- Shri Ankur Aggarwal, Crystal Crop Protection
- Shri Jitender Mohan, Willowoods Chemicals Pvt. Limited
- Shri Nikhil Aggarwal, Ichiban Crop Science Pvt. Limited
- Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Indogulf Crop Science Pvt. Limited
- Shri Abhijit Bose, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Limited
- Shri KS Thyagarajan, Crystal Crop Protection
- Shri SK Mishra, Crystal Crop Protection
- Shri Rajesh Mathew, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Limited
- Shri Ranjesh Kr. Singh, Dhanuka Agritech Limited
- Shri Sushil Gather, Godrej Agrovvet Limited
- Shri Girish Ahuja, ACFI

Special Invitee

- Shri Ashok Aggarwal, HPM Chemicals Pvt. Limited.
- Shri Hari Shankar, HPM Chemicals Pvt. Limited.
- Shri Sandeep Pal, Chambal Fertilizers Limited.
- Shri P.S. Singh, Indian Chemical Council

Annexure 2

6th General Body Meeting, January 10, 2020

List of Attendees

- Shri NK Aggarwal, Crystal Crop Protection
- Shri RG Agarwal, Dhanuka Agritech Limited
- Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Willowood Chemicals Pvt Limited
- Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Indogulf Crop Sciences Pvt. Limited
- Shri Ankur Aggarwal, Crystal Crop Protection
- Shri Nikhil Aggarwal, Ichiban Crop Science Pvt. Limited
- Shri Sanjay Jhaver, Tropical Agrosystem (India) Pvt. Limited
- Shri Abhijit Bose, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Limited
- Shri Rajesh Mathew, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Limited
- Shri Jitendra Mohan, Willowood Chemicals Pvt Limited
- Shri KS Thyagarajan, Crystal Crop Protection
- Shri Girish Ahuja, ACFI

Special Invitee

- Shri S. K Chaudhary, Safex Chemicals India Limited.
- Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Insecticides India Limited

Annexure 3

7th General Body Meeting, June 15, 2020

List of Attendees

- Shri NK Aggarwal, Crystal Crop Protection Limited
- Shri RG Aggarwal, Dhanuka Agritech Limited
- Shri Atul Churiwal, krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Limited
- Shri Sanjay Chaudhary, Sinochem India Company Pvt. Limited
- Shri Bhavesh Shah, GSP Crop Science P. Limited
- Shri Nikhil Aggarwal, Ichiban Crop Science P. Limited
- Shri Sanjay Jhaver, Tropical Agrosystem (India) P. Limited
- Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Willowoods Chemicals Pvt Limited
- Shri Jitender Mohan, Willowoods Chemicals Pvt Limited
- Shri Keshav Anand, Parijat Industries India Pvt. Limited
- Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Indo Gulf Crop Science Pvt. Limited
- Shri KS Thyagarajan, Crystal Crop Protection Limited
- Shri Ankur Aggarwal, Crystal Crop Protection Limited
- Shri Rajesh Chebiyam, Natco Pharma Limited.
- Shri Abhijit Bose, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Limited
- Shri Rajesh Mathew, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Limited
- Shri Krishnamurthy Ganesan, Mahamaya Life sciences Pvt. Limited
- Shri Prashant Ganeshan, Mahamaya Life sciences Pvt. Limited
- Shri (Dr.) Suresh Ramachandran, Indofil Industries Pvt. Limited
- Shri Girish Ahuja, ACFI

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