

Agro Chem Federation of India

ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Greetings!!

I wish you and your family members to be safe and in good health.

Many thanks for your overwhelming support to me and ACFI, while I have led the organization through an exigent time of pandemic. 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 esteem ACFI members for assisting our association through various policy interventions and our other initiatives such as educating farmers, improving the image of pesticide industry. We liaison with the Central & State Governments for the issues which has direct or unintended impact on the Agro Chemical stake holders.

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

N K Aggarwal, President ACFI



CHAIRMAN- TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MESSAGE



Dear All.

We are all aware that agrochemical industry, due to inherent nature of the products, is a highly regulated industry world-wide and under Insecticides Act, 1968 in India. It is, therefore, pertinent that Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee (CIB&RC), State Agriculture Departments and other allied Central and State Ministries and Departments are coming up with various policy related matters, gazette notifications, framing new guidelines, public notices etc. to address the ever evolving issues and also for improvements, which may have both positive and negative impact on our industry.

In order to discuss the aforementioned matters, Technical & Regulatory Committee of ACFI consisting of Regulatory Experts from different member companies is meeting regularly to discuss and debate all the matters on hand so that a pragmatic approach can be taken by the federation for the benefit of all the members and other stakeholders.

Seven meetings of the Committee have been organized in the current tenure and I am happy to inform all the members that we have been successful in discussing all the technical and regulatory matters that have come up before the Committee during the period and have submitted our comments / representations to the various authorities for their consideration after thorough deliberations.

We have been engaging with other associations like Croplife India, HICA, FICCI, PHDCCI, ASSOCHAM, CII etc. on various industry matters to have a common ground so that the industry voice is more impactful before the authorities.

We are part of the taskforces on 3D-Regulatory Reforms, Pesticide Management Bill, Glyphosate, Basmati Rice etc. and are active participating in them for meaningful decision making.

I am confident that the Committee will be very effectively discussing the upcoming matters in future also for the cohesive decision making for the betterment of all stakeholders.

With best wishes to everyone

Jitendra Mohan

Chairman - Technical & Regulatory Committee



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 2020-2021, the Secretariat has liaise with the Government to represent the Industries point of view on various policy matters such as Pesticide Management Bill, Proposed Ban on 27 Pesticides, Restricted use of Glyphosate, Reform in 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.

Dr. Kaylan Goswami, Director General, ACFI

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ABOUT ACFI

Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) is a 'Non-Profit Organization' registered under the Society Registration Act, effective June 6, 2017. We are an industry body representing manufacturers/importers of technical and formulation of pesticides at PAN India Level

We have partnered with many Academic Institutions, Farmer Associations, Associated Government & Non-Government Organizations, etc.

We work in the interest of Farmers by educating them about Plant Protection Chemicals (Pesticides) for higher yields and better quality of agricultural produce of various crops, involving right dose, timely and appropriate application methodology and use of PPEs.

OUR OBJECTIVE:

- To work as an Interface between Government, Industry & farming community on the Policy matters for the betterment of the Indian Farming Sector.
- Harmonization in matters pertaining to relevant legislation and policies framed for the benefit
 of the overall Agro-based Industry including the agrochemical, fertilizer, seed, biopesticide,
 farm mechanization and other related sectors.
- To highlight the concerns raised by the Indian Industry with respect to manufacturing, import & export of Plant Protection Chemicals.
- Working towards the sustainability of Indian Agriculture and helping farmers to provide them with quality Agri-Inputs at affordable prices.
- ACFI Member Companies are committed to promote new technologies, practices and products which are eco-friendly and safe to public health.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020-21



Shri N K Aggarwal President



Shri R G Agarwal Chairman – Advisory Board



Shri Atul Churiwal Vice President



Shri Parikshit Mundhra General Secretary



Shri Sanjay Aggarwal Treasurer



Shri Nikhil Aggarwal Joint Secretary



Shri Keshav Anand Executive Member



Shri Abhijit Bose Executive Member



Shri Suresh Ramachandran Executive Member



Shri Rakesh Dogra Executive Member



Shri Bhavesh Shah Executive Member

ACFI SECRETARIAT



Dr Kalyan Goswami, (Director General) is an eminent senior Policy Person, who has worked for more than 29 years in the Field of Agriculture, Chemical, Health and Food processing. Earlier he has worked as the Director General in NSAI and Secretary General in AIFPA. He did his higher education from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT).



Girish Ahuja, (General Manager) Having more than 17 years of experience in Government Affairs, Government Liasoning, Public Policy, Communication, Branding. A seasoned professional with a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree focused in Finance of International Business & International Marketing from University of Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom.



Simranjeet Kaur, (Public Relation Officer) is having professional experience in the field of Public Relation, Social Media Promotion, Client Management and Media management. She is a budding PR & Media professional with graduation degree in Multimedia and Mass Communication.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Technical & Regulatory Committee

- 1. Shri Jitendra Mohan, Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. (Chairman)
- 2. Shri KS Thayagrajan, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.
- 3. Shri Sushil Kumar Mishra, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.
- 4. Shri Rajat Srivastava, Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.
- 5. Dr Ajeet Tomar, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd.
- 6. Shri Rajesh Mathew, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.
- 7. Dr. Ranjesh Singh, NACL Industries Ltd.
- 8. Ms. Vandana Takhi, Parijat Industries India Pvt. Ltd.
- 9. Dr. Sanjay Singh, Sinochem India Company Pvt. Ltd.
- 10. Shri Tilak Raj Arora, Mahamaya LifeSciences Pvt. Ltd
- 11. Shri Sushil Gather, Godrej Agrovet Ltd.
- 12. Shri Suresh Pitlehra, Krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Ltd.
- 13. Ms. Snehal Desai, Hikal Ltd.
- 14. Dr. Amitava Sanyal, Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd.
- 15. Dr. Uday Srivastava, Ichiban Crop Science Ltd.
- 16. Shri Praful Bhamre, PI Industries Ltd.
- 17. Shri P. Suresh, Bayer CropScience Ltd.
- 18. Shri Tarak Chakrobarty, Tropical Agrosystem (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- 19. Shri Prajval Nalavade, Indofil Industries Pvt. Ltd.

EXIM Committee

- 1. Shri Amar Nath Chandrani, Indofil Industries Ltd. (Chairman)
- 2. Shri Abhijit Bose, Tagros Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.
- 3. Shri Srinivasa Kumar Karavadi, Bayer CropScience Ltd.
- 4. Shri Rudra Pratap, Indogulf Crop Science Pvt. Ltd.

Legal Committee

- 1. Shri Sanjay Chaudhary, Sinochem India Company Pvt. Ltd. (Chairman)
- 2. Shri Rajat Srivastava, Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.
- 3. Shri Devendra Joshi, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.
- 4. Shri Gaurav Dhanraj Paliwal, Parijat Industries India Pvt. Ltd.
- 5. Shri Jitin Sardana, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd.

Secretariat Committee

- 1. Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. (Chairman)
- 2. Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Indogulf Crop Science Pvt. Ltd.
- 3. Shri KS Thayagrajan, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd.

Central Issue Committee

- 1. Shri NK Aggarwal, Crystal Crop Protection Ltd. (Chairman)
- 2. Shri Salil Singhal, PI Industries Ltd.
- 3. Shri Atul Churiwal, Krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Ltd.
- 4. Shri Parikshit Mundhra, Willowood Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.
- 5. Shri Rajvir Rathi, Bayer CropScience Ltd.
- 6. Shri Anil Kakkar, Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd

State Issue Committee

- 1. Shri RG Agarwal, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd. (Chairman)
- 2. North: Shri Nikhil Aggarwal, Ichiban Crop Science Ltd.
- 3. East: Shri Atul Churiwal, Krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Ltd.
- 4. West: Shri Suresh Ramachandran, Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd
- 5. South: Shri Sanjay Jhaver, Tropical Agrosystem (India) Pvt. Ltd.

MINUTES OF 3rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: October 3, 2020

Venue: Online (Zoom Meetings)

Duration	Agenda	Ву
14:00 - 14:15 hrs.	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Shri N.K. Aggarwal (President)
14:15-14:20 Hrs.	Confirmation of MOM of the 2 nd AGM held on September 16, 2019 in New Delhi.	Shri Girish Ahuja (General Manager)
14:20-14:30 Hrs.	Annual Report Presentation	Shri Parikshit Mundhra (General Secretary)
14:30-14:40 Hrs.	Technical Committee Meeting Report	Shri Jitendra Mohan (Chairman Technical Committee)
14:40-14:45 Hrs.	Balance Sheet, FY 2019-20	Shri Girish Ahuja (General Manager)
14:45-14:50 Hrs.	Appointment of Auditor, FY 2020-2021	Dr. Kalyan Goswami (Director General)
14:50-14:55 Hrs.	ACFI Planner FY: 2020-2021	Shri Girish Ahuja (General Manager)
	Amendment in the Society Guidelines (Rules & Regulations)	
14:55-15:10 Hrs.	Structure of the Executive Committee (EC)	Dr Kalyan Goswami (Director General)
	Structure of the Office Bearers Committee (OB)	
	Election Process – EC & OB	
15:10-15:20 Hrs.	Type of Members & Membership Fee	Shri Girish Ahuja (General Manager)
15:20-15:45 Hrs.	Election / Selection of New Executive Committee	All Members
15:45-15:55 Hrs.	Election/ Selection of Office Bearers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer)	All Members
15:55-16:00 Hrs.	Vote of Thanks	New President

- The 3rd Annual General meeting of ACFI was held on October 3, 2020 through an online (Zoom Meetings). List of attendees is in Annexure 1. The discussions and decisions taken by the members are mentioned below:
- Shri NK Aggarwal, President, ACFI began with offering his deepest condolences and requested
 everyone to stay silent for a minute in the memory and honour of deceased
 Smt. Abhilasha Aggarwal, Mother of Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, MD, Indogulf Crop Science Pvt.
 Limited. After welcoming all the members, he elaborated on the various challenges which the
 Industry and Farmers are facing.
- Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting on September 16, 2019 at New Delhi: The Minutes were approved by Shri Keshav Anand with the concurrence of other members.
- ACFI Annual Report Presentation:

Shri Parikshit Mundhra, General Secretary, ACFI presented the annual report and highlighted the achievements of ACFI till now. Further, he mentioned that in past 6 months due to COVID-19 it has been a bit hard but ACFI still managed to coordinate with various Government Departments, Associations, Industry Members etc. and was able to achieve crucial milestones. Some of the issue like: Fake Consent Letters, Illegal import of pesticides and other illegal activities, Restoration of Kolkata port for import of pesticides on the basis of the writ petition filed by ACFI, Co-Marketing issue and many more.

He bought a light upon the recognition of ACFI by various media house time to time but has manages to avoid any kind of bad publicity.

Pesticide industry is having a wrong perception in the eyes of the public and ACFI is continuously working towards the betterment of that image. He requested to all the members to give more proactive support to achieve further milestones.

• Technical Committee Meeting Report:

Shri Jitendra Mohan, Chairman, Technical committee, ACFI took this opportunity to brief all the members about the various meetings and activities that has been carried out in the FY 2019-2020. Further, he has thanked all the technical committee members of ACFI along with the special invitees. He has briefed all the attendees about the details of various meetings held and on the actions taken by ACFI on the basis of the comments/ suggestions/ inputs of the technical committee members and special invites. He has requested all the members to share their views regularly on various draft representations sent by ACFI secretariat for the suggestions and comments before finalizing it.

- Balance Sheet 2019-20 Presentation:
- Shri Girish Ahuja, General Manager, ACFI presented the Audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Income & Expenditure account as on March 31, 2020, the same has been finalized and placed before the board for their approval and was approved Shri Parikshit Mundhra with the concurrence of other members.

Appointment of Auditor for year 2020-21:

It was approved by Shri RG Agarwal and supported by everyone that M/s Manoj Ritu & Associates will be appointed as the statuary auditor of the society for the Financial Year 2020-2021.

ACFI Planner FY 2020-2021:

Shri Girish Ahuja, General Manager, ACFI briefed all the members about the ACFI planner for the coming Financial Year:-

Ø October 2020 onwards: Poster campaigning activity

The rationale behind the poster campaigning activity is to help the farmers to get the genuine product and publicise ACFI. Same will be printed in Gurmukhi and Tamil language to ensure that it will reach to every district and farmers can understand in their respective local language. ACFI will courier the Hindi language poster to all its members for further circulation.

Ø November 2020 onwards: Video campaigning activity

Theme for the video is to educate the farmers about the dos & don'ts of the plant protection medicine (Pesticides) and for the safety of farmers and eco system. Script and direction for the same is ready and the final video will be circulated among the members, across social media platforms and will be sent to various government officials and associations.

Ø December 2020: Webinar on improving the image of the pesticide industry.

Topic for the webinar is "Reforms in the Crop Protection and Agriculture Sector". ACFI requested all its members for their support as the webinar will include the deliberation of senior members, industry players & government officials etc.

Ø Feb-March 2021: Farmer Awareness camp with industry members

With the support of the field force/ trainer/ educator/ scientist of our member companies, ACFI would organise awareness camp on "Good Practices" in selected districts. Depending on the outcome of the awareness camp being conducted, ACFI may include this activity in our ongoing calendar.

Ø April-June 2021: Skill Development Program jointly with Agriculture Skill Council which will be supported by the industry CSR fund.

Agriculture skill council is the nodal skill council organization under Ministry of Agriculture and NSDC (National Skill Development Council). ACFI plans to organise joint skill development program for education and capacity building for the farmers. This program will be sponsored by ACFI members through their CSR funds.

• Amendments in the Society Guidelines (Resolution):

New resolutions proposed by Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, ACFI:

Resolution No. 1

Composition of Office Bearer Committee, it was proposed that the office bearer will consist of President, Vice President, General Secretary, Jt. Secretary and Treasurer which was accepted by the AGM.

Resolution No. 2

Election Process, after the through discussion and comparing various alternative processes, the resolution mentioned below was passed in the AGM.

- President would have tenure of 2 years.
- President would decide on the Office Bearer team with the consent of the Executive Committee.
- Executive Committee composition/ selection/ election can be done by the corporate members having voting rights.
- If there's an occasion or need of voting emerges, votes shall be cast in person at the Annual General Meeting or member can also exercise his vote through proxy.

Resolution No. 3

Special Interest Groups, with the acceptance of all other members present it was decided that there shall be the following SIGs on annual basis.

Technical Committee Regulatory Committee EXIM Committee Legal Committee

- Shri RG Agarwal suggested that ACFI should introduce a new committee that will work towards creating a better image of the pesticide industry in the eyes of the public. (Public Relation Committee). Each member company will nominate one person for each committee. Shri Abhijit Bose from Tagros Chemical India Pvt. Limited nominated himself for the EXIM Committee and Shri Rajesh Mathew for the technical committee.
- Formation of New Working Committee

Shri Parikshit Mundhra, General Secretary, ACFI proposed that, keeping pandemic situation in mind preferably there should be no election & selection process for new executive committee this year and we should keep the same working committee till the next AGM. In case anyone would like to be a part of the executive committee should send an e-mail to the executive committee, which they can consider. The same was seconded by Shri RG Agarwal and accepted.

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 P. Limited.

Joint Secretary - Shri Nikhil Aggarwal, Ichiban Crop Science P. Limited.

Treasurer -Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, Indiogulf Crop Science P. 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.

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

BALANCE SHEET FY 2020-21

AGRO CHEM FEDERATION OF INDIA

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

Liabilities	FIGURES FOR CURRENT YEAR	FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR	Assets	FIGURES FOR CURRENT YEAR	FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR
Corpus Fund	5,025,000	4,275,000	Excess of Expenditure over Income		60,311
Sundry Creditors (As per annexure "A")	433,848	-	Fixed Assets (As per annexure "B")	92,623	21,900
Current Liabilities Audit Fees Payable GST Payable Advance Advocate/Legal Fees Advance Subscription Fees TDS Payable Excess of Income over Expenditure	60,000 21,780 3,324,678 - 166,970 650,024	2,440,678 1,700,000	Current Assets Cash-in-hand Bank Balance GST Receivable GST - Cash Ledger Receivable from Members (As per annexure "C") Income Tax Receivable Rent Security Other current assets (As per annexure "D")	4,850 8,373,482 152,440 1,080 158,750 662,503 224,000 12,572	12,000 177,500 722,500
TOTAL	9,682,300	8,480,678	TOTAL	9,682,300	8,480,678

Notes forms an integral part of the Financial Statement

For Devesh Parekh & Co Chartered Accountants FRN 0043338N

Partner M.No. 092160

Place: New Delhi Dated: 16.09.2021

UDIN: 21092160 AAAAUZ 1006

FOR AGRO CHEM FEDERATION OF INDIA

(Nand Kishore Aggarwal)

(Nikhil Aggarwal)

Joint Secretary

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

AGRO CHEM FEDERATION OF INDIA

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Expenditure	FIGURES FOR CURRENT VEAR	FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR	INT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2	FIGURES FOR CURRENT YEAR	FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR
Consultancy Expenses	3,881,000		Annual Subscription Fee	7,450,000	3,050,000
Legal & Professional	2,320,000	143,000	Subscription For Legal Advocate Fee	300,000	
Rent Office	168,000		Admission Fees	500,000	
Printing & Stationary	33,807	64,652	Interest on income tax refund	5,063	
Fee & Taxes	11,627				
Audit Fees	15,000	15,000			
Website Design & Development Expenses	23,800	-			
Telephone &Internet Expenses	35,031	4,500			
Postage & Courier	32,112	3,133			
Depreciation	28,631	14,600			
Bank Charges	1,416	937			
Reimbursement - Consultancy		110,000			
Travelling and conveyance	11,819	21,549			
Miscellaneous Expense	16,025	2,371			
Brodband Service	2,828		1		}
Brokerage	66,080				
Farmers Awareness Expenses	177,500				
te fee on GST	150				
Office Expenses	437,939				
Repair & Maintenance (Office)	12,802		1		
Retainership charges	767,202				
Round Off	0.19				
Water Charges	1,957				
Excess of Income over Expenditure	710,336.30	1,570,258			

TOTAL	8,755,063	3,050,000	TOTAL	8,755,063	3,050,000

Notes forms an integral part of the Financial Statement.

For Devesh Parekh & Co Chartered Accountants FRN 0013338N

Devesti Parekh Partner M.No. 092160

Place: New Delhi Dated: 16.09.2021

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FOR AGRO CHEM FEDERATION OF INDIA

Joint Secretary

(Nand Kishore Aggarwal)

VARIOUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Date	Topic Discussed		
	Executive Committee		
November 2, 2020	 Formation of New Working Committee Formation of Advisory Board Formation of Technical & Regulatory Committee Formation of Legal Committee Formation of EXIM Committee Discussion to increase the ACFI Membership base Budget:2020-2021 Activity Plan: 2020-21 Independent Office for ACFI Secretariat 		
January 19, 2021	 Discussion on Reforms In CIB&RC & 3D model ACFI Membership/Financial Updates. New Office Details ACFI Activity Planner for January- March: 2021 Revised Budget FY:2021 		
March 6 2021	 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 2nd EC meeting. Financial Update By ACFI Renewal of Contract & Retainership Fee - Ms Simranjeet Kaur 		
June 19, 2021	 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of earlier Three EC Meetings. Patent/ IPR infringement issue Financial Updates from ACFI Technical update by Chairman - Technical and Regulatory committee Action plan on PMB 2020States restricting sales of pesticides on flimsy grounds 		

	1. Verification of Consent on 9(4) FIM		
	2. Empowering the ACFI Secretariat.		
	3. Working of ACFI Secretariat.		
	4. Contract renewal of ACFI Staff - Dr. Kalyan Goswami,		
	Girish Ahuja, & Simranjeet Kaur		
August 31, 2021	Salient Features of ACFI Constitution		
	✓ Governing Council & Its Power		
	✓ Election and Its mode		
	✓ Powers and Duties of Management Committee		
	✓ Special Interest Groups		
	✓ Standard Operating Procedures		
	2. Discussion on the 4 th AGM Agenda and Budget		
	3. Selection of Returning Officer for the election		
	4. Appointment of new auditing firm for ACFI		
	- Devesh Parekh & Co.		
	5. Appointment of new accounting firm for ACFI -		
	Aditi Gupta and Associates		
	6. Legal Enforcement of Consent Letters issued for 9(4) -FIM		
	Registrations		
	Legal Committee		
March 19, 2021	Discussion on TI V/s TIM		
	Discussion on Restricted use of Glyphosate through PCO only		
	 Discussion on the Ban of Glyphosate in Various states. 		
	4. Discussion to develop a strategy against the sudden ban on the pesticides by the State Governments.		
Technical & Regulatory Committee Meeting			
	Discussion on Public Notice regarding list of finding in Schedule to the Insecticides Act,1968		
January 13, 2021	Discussion on Gazette Notification for Amendment in Insecticides Rules		
	3. Discussion on Reforms in CIB&RC		

February 3, 2021	 Public Notice seeking comments of the stakeholders regarding Harmonization of existing toxicology guidelines/ protocol for registration of biopesticides in India.
March 23 & 30, 2021	 Discussion Gazette Notification 979(E) dated February 26, 2021 for Bio stimulants.
	 Discussion on Changes to be incorporated on the new portal being developed by Centre for Good Governance for "Comprehensive Registration of Pesticides"
	3. Discussion on Implementation of QR code
	 Discussion on Public notice inviting comments of stakeholders on the Draft proposal for classification of pesticide containers and disposal
May 13, 2021	 Discussion/ updates on restricted use of Glyphosate through PCO only.
	2. Discussion/ Update on CIBRC Reforms Initiatives
	 Discussion on Public Notice dated 28.04.2021 regarding Verification of consent from technical grade material provider in respect of 9(4) FIM applications.
	4. Discussion on Draft Guidance Document & Standard Operating Procedures for fixation of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of pesticides in food commodities
	5. Discussion on the Decision of 427 th Meeting of Registration Committee pertaining to Minimizing compliance burden on industry/business under ease of doing business (Agenda Item No. 3.2 and Annexure 3.2.1)
May 25, 2021	Discussion on Draft Guidance Document & Standard Operating Procedures for fixation of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) of pesticides in food commodities.
July 26, 2021	Discussion on Public Notice dated 24.05.2021 regarding harmonization of existing toxicological guidelines/protocols for registration of biopesticides in India
	2. Discussion on Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 484(E) dated 09-07-2021 regarding Insecticides (Amendment) Draft Rules, 2021
	3. Discussion on Draft Memorandum of Agreement prepared in consultation with CSIR-IITR' Lucknow Inviting comments of stakeholders, dated 16.07.2021

August 27, 2021	1. Discussion on Draft guidelines recommended by the
	sub-committee to review guidelines for registration of
	pesticides u/s 9(3b)' 9(3) and 9(4) of IA, 1968 - Inviting
	comments of stakeholders -reg.

POLICY INTERVENTION

Proposed Ban on 27 Pesticides

Gazette Notification S.O. 1512(E) and Banning of Insecticides Order, 2020, dated 14th May 2020 issued by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Actions taken by ACFI:-

- ACFI has submitted various representations to the Chief Ministers of all the states, State
 Agriculture Ministers, the Vice Chancellors of all the Agricultural Universities, the State level
 Associations, Hon'ble Minister of MoA&FW, MOS, Secretary, Commissioner Agriculture & JS
 (PP).
- ACFI secretariat along with its member companies had a meeting at CIB&RC, Faridabad, and at Krishi Bhawan to defend the important products which are widely used in India and abroad, are economically viable and are safe to be used by the farmers.
- ACFI filled a RTI to the DAC&FW seeking the following:-
 - 1) Copy of all the reports on the basis of which conclusion has been made that the said pesticides are toxic for human being, animals and the environment
 - 2) Copy of Dr. Anupam Verma's committee report
 - 3) Copy of the order dated October 14, 2016 issued by DAC&FW, conveying the approval for implementation of the recommendation of the RC
 - 4) Copy of the report of subcommittee formed in 409 RC meeting and the RC's recommendation on same.
- Dedicated task force was formed to deliberate this issue in length before sending any representation to the department.
- ACFI secretariat has met the DG-ICAR, ADG-ICAR to discuss on this matter.
- Agriculture department has formed an Expert Committee to technically evaluate the proposed banned molecules. They can only start discussions once the Writ in HC gets dissolved/resolved.
- The Expert Committee organized 5 day meeting (6 September, 7 September, 8 September, 13 September & 14 September 2021) with the stakeholders to consider/ hear the objections/ suggestions received in response of the Draft notification.

Restricted use of Glyphosate through PCO's only

A draft order issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, called "Restriction on Use of Glyphosate Order, 2020", dated 6^{th} July, 2020, published in the Gazette of India vide notification dated 7^{th} 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.

Actions taken by ACFI: -

- ACFI has formed a Task Force on 15.07.2020, with the technical experts from our member companies. We have submitted technical inputs to the Department and urged to review the draft guidelines on Glyphosate.
- ACFI has filled a writ in Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, on 06.07.2020 against the Notification.
 Based on the Writ Petition, the court has extended the response time from 1 Month to another 2 Months.
- ACFI filled a RTI to the DAC&FW on 17.07 2020, seeking the following: 1) Copy of the Kerala State Govt. report 2) Copy of all the relevant documents such as minuets of the meeting/ notes/ intra office memo or any other document pertaining to consultation with registration committee 3) Any scientific data department might have referred to.
- ACFI has sent representation to JS (PP) on 4.08.2020 (ACFI/2020/050), stating the suggestions/ objection on the said notification on behalf of all our members along with the detailed study and legal opinion on Glyphosate.
- In 426th RC held on 25.02.2021, the committee has approved the report of the committee and further directed Sectt. of CIB&RC to communicate approved recommendation to the DAC&FW. But no such report is available in public domain for their consideration.
- Based on the above RC decision ACFI has again filled an RTI to the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, on 22.03.2021, seeking objections/ suggestion received in respect of the Draft Order of Glyphosate; the details of the committee and its report, which is mentioned in the minutes of the 426th RC meeting, and the list of recommendations made to DAC&FW.
- ACFI also has sent an Appeal to JS (PP), on 25.03.2021, suggesting that the matter pertaining
 to Draft Order of Glyphosate be investigated properly in accordance with the law, and
 appropriate hearings and presentations are permitted to be made by all the affected
 parties/stakeholders, including the concerned associations and the objectors herein.
- In its 427th meeting, held on 25.03.2021, RC deliberated the agenda and decided that all 9(3) registrants of Glyphosate formulations and other stake holders may be heard to understand their views regarding proposing restriction on use of Glyphosate through pest control operators.
- Based on ACFI Appeal to JS (PP) under section 11, the department has granted ACFI three hearing and the matter is still subjudice.

States Banning Glyphosate on Flimsy Grounds

- The State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab banned Glyphosate. Under the Section 27 of Insecticide act 1968, the Government is only permitted to ban any product for 2 Months and can be extended for another 30 Days.
- ACFI sought audience with Commissioner Agriculture, Government of Telangana to discuss the same and sent a representation stating our opinion and suggestions on the matter.
- After getting no response from the state of Telangana, ACFI has filled WRIT Petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Hyderabad, seeking stay on the order, which has been granted.

Checklists for Preliminary Scrutiny for Registration in Various Categories approved in the 421st Meeting of RC

- The new checklists in 421st RC meeting have been formed on the basis of the guidelines for registration in various categories and based on the decision taken in 384th meeting of the Registration Committee and the matter still sub-judice before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.
- ACFI approached the concerned department after identifying the exact study that violates the order. RC deliberated the agenda in its 426th Meeting and has approved all suggested amendments.
- The suggestion made by ACFI pertaining to Checklists:

Metabolic Study in Livestock should be exempted for all 9(3) - Technical Import (New Source) registration.

Avian Reproduction Toxicity study should be exempted on the grounds that reproduction and developmental studies in rats are not required for 9(3) – Technical Import (New Source) registrations..

Pesticide Management Bill 2020

The Draft Pesticide Management Bill (PMB) 2017 was released by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for stakeholder comments on February 19, 2018. Later a new Pesticide Management Bill 2020 was framed and same has now been approved by the Union Cabinet on February 12, 2020 to regulate the manufacture, import, sale, storage, distribution, use, and disposal of pesticides, in order to ensure the availability of safe pesticides and minimize the risk to humans, animals, and environment. This new bill has been tabled in Parliament on March 23, 2020.

Actions taken by ACFI:-

• ACFI represented in the expert meet on PMB on 4th February, 2020, held under the chairmanship of Dr. T. Mohapatra, President, NAAS.

- ACFI had a joint meeting with CLI and other stakeholders on April 28, 2020 for making the strategy and discuss the way forward.
- Representations made to policy makers urging to send the 'Pesticide Management Bill (PMB)' to the Select Committee., with reference to the 'National Academy of Agricultural Science (NAAS) Report' &TAAS & SPS Recommendations.
- Now so that PMB is there in the Standing Committee, ACFI has sent various representations to the Standing committee for their consideration.

Reforms in CIB&RC

The "Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade" (DPIIT) has identified 24 industrial sectors with a view to focus on policies and processes to achieve desired growth and also to make India a hub for global exports. Agrochemicals is among one of the 24 sectors.

CII has given the task to Shri Salil Singhal to chair the task force of representatives from ACFI, CLI, CII, HICA, PHDCCI & FICCI. Shri Jitendra Mohan, Shri KS Thayagrajan and Dr. Kalyan Goswami are representing ACFI.

The task Force has made the joint presentation (ACFI, CLI, CII, HICA, PHDCCI & FICCI) on the behalf of the stakeholders, in the meetings with the Department that were held on 17th February, 2021, 24th February, 2021 and 3rd March 2021.

The Regulatory Reforms for making Agro chemicals champion sector under the concept of 3-D i.e Discuss, Decide & Deliver: -

- Pre-Submission Consultation and Regulatory Templates (Pre-Scrutiny Checklist) for Chem/ Packaging/ Bio/Tox.
- Implementation of 5 batch report for all import and indigenous manufacturing registrations in accordance with FAO principles.
- Chemical equivalence based on FAO and SANCO procedures.
- Custom manufacturing (Make in India) on know how technology transfer.
- Confidential business information with respect to chemical composition, manufacturing process and other data.
- Reducing the time frame for bio-efficacy from 2 seasons/here to one season/year with the increase in number of the locations to have an idea of statistical significance of the data generated and submitted by the applicant.
- New reforms/quidelines Like combinations of I & I, I & F, F & F with external surfactants etc.
- MRL fixation simultaneously with approval of registrant application.

- Adoption of data bridging principle for toxicological data.
- Extrapolation of toxicology data across formulations.
- Risk assessment-based toxicology evaluation falling QSAR model.
- Toxicology triangle in alignment with GHS scheme.
- Revamping of infrastructure of CIL and SPTL.
- Outsourcing of data evaluation to fasten Grant of registrations.
- Guidelines for minor changes in formulation 's
- Regulator data protection
- Improvement and standardisation of checklist for minimum data requirement for manufacture of technical grade and formulations.
- Standard checklist across all state for grants in manufacturing licence.

MRL Issue in Basmati Rice Export

Residue levels beyond permissible MRL of crop protection chemicals in Basmati Rice is a major problem faced by Rice Exporters due to which their export consignments are getting repeatedly by the authorities of the importing countries like USA, Europe etc. Due to this reasons, All India Rice Exporters Association (AIREA) has been constantly pushing various state and central government authorities to ban certain pesticides.

Banning a pesticide, per se, is not a solution for the problems faced by members of AIREA. Residue levels can go beyond permissible due to various reasons. Considering this matter of national importance, PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI) is engaging with members of AIREA to bring a practical solution to the problem faced by them.

3 rounds of meetings has been held between PHDCCI, AIREA, ACFI and Croplife India (CLI) to discuss and understand the problem and bring out a workable solution to it. ACFI is Technical Advisor for this initiative.

It has been proposed to conduct field trials jointly by member companies of ACFI / CLI and member of AIREA at selected hot stops in states of Punjab and Haryana based on a proposed package of practice based on the approvals on rice crop given by Central Insecticide Board & Registration Committee for different products. Another consideration has been given for MRL fixed by either Codex / USEPA / EU for these products.

It has also been decided to engage local Agriculture Departments and APEDA so as to bring out a holistic and practicable solution by establishing a new package of practice for use of crop protection chemicals on Basmati Rice. It has also been decided to engage with authorities of USA/EU and other countries where Basmati Rice is being exported through Government of India and Diplomatic Channels so as to sensitize those authorities about the solutions being worked out and also to convince them about residue levels being below MRL in Basmati Rice consignments



ACFI ACHIEVEMENTS

Minimizing the compliance burden on registration process	Based on the ACFI representation (Supported by joint Industry stakeholders) 427 th RC has taken Industry favorable decision.
Glyphosate issue	After long persuasions at minister and officials' level, the RC/Department has given a patient hearing to the appeal of all 9(3) registrants of Glyphosate formulations.
Label and Leaflet guidelines	Based on the representations made by ACFI, CLI & CCFI and several meetings taken place thereon, a fresh notification along with guidelines is expected soon.
Proposed Ban on 27 Pesticides	Expert Committee has been formed which has heard the plea of the stakeholders.
Accelerated Storage Stability (ASS)	Based on the representation of ACFI & other associations for Grant of Shelf-Life for Two Years based on Accelerated Storage Stability (ASS) Study, the RC has accepted the proposal in its 424th Meeting.
Public Notice on "KNOW YOUR COMPANY"	Based on the ACFI representation regarding same the RC has agreed to all the suggestion given by ACFI in its 424th Meeting.
Checklists for preliminary scrutiny	The Central Insecticides Board & Registration Committee has accepted all the suggestion made by ACFI pertaining to the checklists for preliminary scrutiny for registration in various categories approved in 421st RC Meeting in its 426th RC meeting.
Purity enhancement	RC in its 427 th Meeting accepted the clarifications submitted by ACFI and decided that the cases of enhancement of purity upto 10% may be considered for grant of registration
Illegal import	Success on the action against illegal import of pesticides and other unlawful activities (Initial Action has been taken).
Fake Consent Letters	Success on identifying the issue and ACFI has taken up the cases with Department for stringent actions against those involved in the malpractices (FIR to be filed against several miscreant organizations).
Telangana State banning Glyphosate on flimsy grounds	ACFI filled WRTI Petition in Hon'ble High Court of Hyderabad, seeking stay on the order, which has been granted to them.

ACFI REPRESENTATIONS

October 2020 - September 2021

Ref. No.	Date	Sent to	Subject		
October 2020					
ACFI/2020/064	05-Oct-20	Director Agriculture, Uttar Pradesh	ACFI Representation on the Public Notice No. 657/ ুক্ত र 0 / 10-40/ 19-20 dated September 29, 2020.		
ACFI/2020/065	05-Oct-20	Director Agriculture, Bihar	ACFI Representation on the Public Notice No. 09/ उपार्थ किट0 (विविध)/ 13/ 2014 dated September 28, 2020		
ACFI/2020/066	05-Oct-20	Sec, Chemical & Petrochemicals	Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) Comments on the proposal to ban/ discour age readymade formulation imports		
ACFI/2020/067	05-Oct-20	Joint Secretary (PP)	Objections to the Draft Order (Restriction on use of Glyphosate Order, 2020) via draft Gazette Notification No. S.O. 2268(E), dated 06.07.2020, in continuation of the interim reply/ objections submitted earlier		
ACFI/2020/068	06-Oct-20	Secretary, CIB&RC	Representation against Checklists for Registration in Various Categories approved in 421st Meeting of Registration Committee		
ACFI/2020/069	23-Oct-20	Hon'ble Union Minister, Agriculture	Issues related to the Clearance of Agri Inputs at the Nhava Sheva Port		
ACFI/2020/070	23-Oct-20	Joint Secretary (PP)	Guidelines for Bio -stimulants		
		November 2	2020		
ACFI/2020/075	05-Nov-20	Secretary, CIB&RC	Representation against Checklists for Registration in Various Categories approved in 421st Meeting of Registration Committee		
ACFI/2020/076	05-Nov-20	Joint Secretary (PP)	SPTL/ RPTL test anomalies issue faced by the Indian industry		
ACFI/2020/077	05-Nov-20	Secretary CIB&RC	Representation against Checklists for Registration in Various Categories approved in 421 st Meeting of Registration Committee		

ACFI/2020/078	05-Nov-20	Secretary (Chemicals & Petrochemicals)	ACFI objections to the proposal of increasing customs duty on formulations only imports as also the recent move by one particular group seeking Restrictions on pesticide formulation only imports
ACFI/2020/079	06-Nov-20	Additional Secretary, (Chemicals & Petrochemicals)	Congratulation Letter on the promoti on
ACFI/2020/080	06-Nov-20	Secretary, Agriculture	ACFI objections to the proposal of increasing customs duty on formulations only imports as also the recent move by one particular group seeking Restrictions on pesticide formulation only imports
ACFI/2020/0 82	06-Nov-20	Prof Ramesh Chand, Niti Ayog	ACFI objections to the proposal of increasing customs duty on formulations only imports as also the recent move by one particular group seeking Restrictions on pesticide formulation only imports
ACFI/2020/083	13-Nov-20	Chief Comm issioner, Mumbai custom	Release of detained or seized insecticides under Section 18 and 110A of the Customs Act, 1962
ACFI/2020/085	24-Nov-20	Secretary, CIB&RC	Representation against Checklists for Registration in Various Categories approved in 421st Meeting of Registration Committee
ACFI/2020/085	24-Nov-20	Secretary, CIB&RC	Representation against Checklists for Registration in Various Categories approved in 421st Meeting of Registration Committee
		December 2	020
ACFI/2020/089	10-Dec-20	Joint Secretary (PP)	Congratulation Letter on the promotion
ACFI/2020/090	17-Dec-20	Secretary CIB&RC	Representation of Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) on Accelerated Storage Stability (ASS) Study
ACFI/2020/091	11-Dec-20	Director Agri, Uttarakhand	ACFI POSTERS
ACFI/2020/092	29-Dec-20	Agricultural Production Commissioner , Tamil Nadu	Decision taken by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu to Ban 6 pesticides (molecules & formulations) for 60 days
ACFI/2020/093	29-Dec-20	Sec CIB&R	Stakeholder Comments of Agro Chem Federation of India for Webinar of Secretariat of CIB &RC on Regulatory Mechanisms for Import & Export of Pesticides.

January 2021					
ACFI/2021/001	14-Jan-21	Secretary CIB&RC	Notice for information and inviting suggestions/ objections, etc. from respective stakeholders in the list of finding in Schedule to the Insecticides Act,1968		
ACFI/2021/002	14-Jan-21	Secretary CIB&RC	Public Notice to confirm CIB&RC as Indian Authority Controlling Registration/ Regulatory Affairs concerning pesticides used in agriculture and public health to facilitate Exports		
ACFI/2021/003	19-Jan-21	PPA CIB&RC & Secretary CIB&RC	Meeting held on 14 -12-2020: Between the Representatives of various Agro -chemical Associations and CIB&RC to discuss the issues being faced by the industry due to amendments in the In secticides Rules, 1971 on the labelling and packaging requirements		
ACFI/2021/004	21-Jan-21	Secretary CIB&RC & Joint Secretary (PP)	On the behalf of Our Members for Their Applications for Extension of Validity of Certificate of Registration u/s 9(3) – Technical Import & Application for Registration u/s 9(4) – Technical Import of Insecticides Act, 1968		
ACFI/2021/006	27-Jan-21	Additional Secretary. Ministry of Agriculture	SPTLs / RPTLs test anomalies & adopt Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to overcome Counterfeit Agrochemicals & Inaction of some of the Government officials		
ACFI/2021/007	28-Jan-21	Chairman CCFI	Reference: Article published by the Times Group - dated 27th January 2021 - "Expert Committee to Review Proposal to Ban 27 Pesticides".		
ACFI/2021/008	28-Jan-21	President, Young Farmer Association	Introduction to Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI)		
ACFI/2021/009	28-Jan-21	Director, Vegetable Growers Association of India	Introduction to Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI)		
ACFI/2021/010	28-Jan-21	President, Confederation of All India Small and Medium Pesticide Manufactures Association of India	Introduction to Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI)		
ACFI/2021/011	28-Jan-21	General Secretary, Gujrat Pesticide Formulators Association	Introduction to Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI)		
ACFI/2021/012	28-Jan-21	, Chief Advisor, Consortium of Indian Farmers Association	Introduction to Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI)		

ACFI/2021/017	28-Jan-21	President, Karnataka Pesticide Manufactures Association	Introduction to Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI)
		February 20	021
ACFI/2021/018	01-Feb-21	Secretary CIB&RC	Representation against Checklists for Registration in Various Categories approved in 421st Meeting of Registration Committee – reg
ACFI/2021/019	04-Feb-21	Secretary CIB&RC	Stakeholders comments on Harmonization of existing tox guidelines/ protocols for registration of Bio - Pesticides in India
ACFI/2021/020	08-Feb-21	ADG ICAR	Constitution of Expert Committee for proposed ban in 27 Pesticide
ACFI/2021/021	16-Feb-21	Commissioner Agriculture Punjab	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio Stimulates in India
ACFI/2021/024	16-Feb-21	Director Agriculture, Punjab	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/025	16-Feb-21	Director Agri culture, Haryana	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/026	16-Feb-21	Director Agri, Kerala	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/027	16-Feb-21	Commissioner Agriculture T amil Nadu	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/028	16-Feb-21	Director Agri Tamil Nadu	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/029	16-Feb-21	Commissioner & Director Agri, Andhra Pradesh	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/030	16-Feb-21	Commissioner Agri, Telangana	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/031	16-Feb-21	Commissioner Agri, Karnataka	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/034	23-Feb-21	Joint Secretary (PP)	Rebuttal on CCFI posit ion Paper
ACFI/2021/035	23-Feb-21	DG, Agri Haryana	Introduction to Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) and to discuss various Industry Issues
ACFI/2021/036	23-Feb-21	Secretary Agri, Arunachal Pradesh	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/037	23-Feb-21	Secretary Agriculture Government of Assam	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India

ACFI/2021/038	23-Feb-21	Secretary Agriculture Government of Bihar	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/039	23-Feb-21	Secretary and Agriculture Production Commissioner Government of Chhattisgarh	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/040	23-Feb-21	Director Agriculture, Government of Goa	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/041	23-Feb-21	Secretary Agriculture, Government of Gujarat	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/042	23-Feb-21	Director Agriculture , Punjab	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/043	23-Feb-21	Director Agriculture , Haryana	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/044	23-Feb-21	Secretary Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/045	23-Feb-21	Secretary Agriculture, Government of Jharkhand	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/046	23-Feb-21	Commissioner Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/047	23-Feb-21	Principal Secretary Agriculture, Government of Uttar Pradesh	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/048	23-Feb-21	Secretary Agriculture, Government of Uttarakhand	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
ACFI/2021/049	23-Feb-21	Joint Secretary, Government of West Bengal	The menace of spurious pesticides in name of Bio stimulants in India
March 2021			
ACFI/2021/050	09-Mar-21	Secretary CIBRC	Representation with respect to the Public notice for submission of information/data for pesticide import/manufacture/export etc

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ACFI/2021/051	09-Mar-21	Joint Secretary (PP)	Representation with respect to the Public notice for submission of information/data for pesticide import/manufacture/export etc
ACFI/2021/052	10-Mar-21	Joint Secretary (PP)	Expressing our Gratitude and Admiration
ACFI/2021/053	12-Mar-21	Secretary, CIBRC	Representation against Checklists for Registration in Various Categories approved in 421st Meeting of Registration Committee – reg
ACFI/2021/056	19-Mar-21	Secretary, CIBRC	Congratulation Letter on the promotion
ACFI/2021/057	25-Mar-21	Joint Secretary (PP)	Meeting on 3D Agenda & to regularize through RC, the issues which has been principally Agreed
ACFI/2021/058	30-Mar-21	Secretary, CIBRC	Representation on Pesticide Disposable and container
		April 202	21
ACFI/2021/059	01-Apr-21	DG, Haryana	Introduction to Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) and to discuss various Industry Issues
ACFI/2021/060	05-Apr-21	DG, ICAR	Draft order "Restriction on use of Glyphosate order, 2020"
ACFI/2021/061	05-Apr-21	JS(PP)	Draft order "Restriction on use of Glyphosate order, 2020"
ACFI/2021/062	05-Apr-21	Hon'ble Minister of State, Agriculture	Draft order "Restriction on use of Glyphosate order, 2020"
ACFI/2021/063	06-Apr-21	PPA CIBRC	Comments/ Suggestions on the Implementation of QR code
ACFI/2021/064	06-Apr-21	Commissioner Agriculture	ACFI representation on the Gazette Notification S.O. 882 (E), dated 23.02.2021.
ACFI/2021/065	06-Apr-21	Secretary CIBRC	Suggestion with Respect to New Portal for Registration of Pesticides
ACFI/2021/066	09-Apr-21	Secretary DCPC	The need to introduce the right to data exclusivity (Regulatory Data Protection - RDP), for the Agrochemical industry
ACFI/2021/067	14-Apr-21	Secretary CIBRC	Stakeholder Comments for Public Notice F. No. 26-01/2021 - CIR-I issued by Secretariat of CIB&RC, dated 24.03.2021 regarding Harmonization of Existing Toxicology Guidelines/ Protocol for Registration of Bio-pesticides in India.
ACFI/2021/068	14-Apr-21	DG, Agri, Tamil Nadu	Farmer Awareness camping started by "Agro Chem Federation of India" to educate the farmers regarding the GST Invoice and to buy only the genuine products.
ACFI/2021/069	16-Apr-21	SEC & Comm. Agri, Telangana	Insistence of Agriculture Department on requirement of Telugu as the Third Language (Regional Language) on Product Labels

ACFI/2021/072	29-Apr-21	Secretary, CIBRC	Seeking Clarification on the Implementation Date of Approved Label & Leaflet issued by Secretariat of CIB&RC as per Gazette Notification GSR 782(E) dated October 11, 2019 and GSR 355 (E) dated June 4, 2020 Meeting held on 18 -03-2020 to discuss the		
ACFI/2021/073	30-Apr-20	PPA, CIBRC	issues being faced by the Industry due to amendments in the Insecticides Rules, 1971 reg labelling and packaging requirements		
		May 202	1		
ACFI/2021/074	10-May-21	Secretary, CIBRC	Representation with respect to the Public Notice regarding declaration to be filed by Chemical Industries for taking steps in compliance with provisions of Chemical Weapons Convention Act (CWC) 2000		
ACFI/2021/075	19-May-21	Secretary Agriculture Telangana	Introduction to Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) and to discuss various Industry Issues		
ACFI/2021/076	24-May-21	Director - Chemicals & Petrochemicals	Impact of diversion of oxygen for medical purposes on Indian Industry reg		
ACFI/2021/077	27-May-21	Secretary Agri, Telangana	Introduction to Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) and to discuss various Industry Issues		
ACFI/2021/078	31-May-21	Secretary, CIBRC	Seeking formal consent towards payment of fee for outsourcing scrutiny of toxicity data evaluation of applications through external agency		
	June 2021				
ACFI/2021/079	01-Jun-21	Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture	Rebuttal on CCFI demand to reduce Import & levy 30% custom duty on Formulation import.		
ACFI/2021/080	02-Jun-21	PPA, CIB&RC	Expressing our humble gratitude & admiration		
ACFI/2021/081	02-Jun-21	Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, MP	ACFI comments with respect to Office Mandla, MP No. 1537 dated May 24, 2021		
ACFI/2021/082	04-Jun-21	PPA, CIB&RC	ACFI is publishing a handbook titled Approved and Registered Pesticides, 2021 (Vol.II).		
ACFI/2021/083	04-Jun-21	Secretary, CIBRC	ACFI is publishing a handbook titled Approved and Registered Pesticides, 2021 (Vol.II).		
ACFI/2021/084	08-Jun-21	CEO, FSSAI	ACFI Comments on FSSAI Draft guidance document		
ACFI/2021/085	11-Jun-21	Joint Secretary (PP)	ACFI Comments on the Decisions of 427th Meeting of Registration Committee pertaining to Minimizing compliance burden on industry/ business under ease of doing business (Agenda Item No. 3.2 and Annexure 3.2.1)		

ACFI/2021/086	17-Jun-21	Secretary, CIBRC	Verification of Consent from technical grade material provider in respect of 9(4) FIM applications -regarding.
ACFI/2021/087	22-Jun-21	Secretary, CIBRC	ACFI revert with regards to Public Notice No.04-04/2021-CIR-1 dated June 16, 2021, regarding the incorporation of conditioning the label/ leaflet
ACFI/2021/088	23-Jun-21	Secretary Agri, Telangana	Labels & Leaflets requirements for pesticides sales in the State of Telangana
ACFI/2021/089	28-Jun-21	Secretary, CIBRC	Issues related to the Clearance of Agri Inputs at the Nhava Sheva Port
		July 2021	
ACFI/2021/092	16-Jul-21	PPA, CIB&RC	ACFI stakeholder comments on the draft order "Restriction on Use of Glyphosate Order, 2020"
ACFI/2021/093	16-Jul-21	Agri Minister, UP	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/094	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, A ndhra Pradesh	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/095	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Arunachal Pradesh	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/096	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Gujarat	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/097	20-Jul-21	Director, Agriculture Standing Committee	Introduction to Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) and to discuss the Pesticide Management Bill (PMB) 2020
ACFI/2021/098	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Bihar	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/099	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Chhattisgarh	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/100	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Goa	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/101	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Himachal Pradesh	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/102	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Jharkhand	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/103	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Karnataka	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/104	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Kerala	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/105	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Madhya Pradesh	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/106	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Maharashtra	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"

ACFI/2021/107	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Punjab	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/108	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Rajasthan	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/109	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Tamil Nadu	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/110	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Telangana	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/111	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Uttarakhand	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/112	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, West Bengal	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/113	20-Jul-21	Agri Minister, Haryana	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/114	20-Jul-21	Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/115	20-Jul-21	Hon'ble Minister of State of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/116	20-Jul-21	Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/117	20-Jul-21	Joint Secretary (PP)	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/118	20-Jul-21	PPA, CIB&RC	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/119	20-Jul-21	Additional PPA Secretary, CIBRC	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/120	20-Jul-21	Commissioner, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/121	20-Jul-21	Hon'ble Minister of State of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/122	20-Jul-21	Hon'ble Minister of Chemical and Petro Chemicals	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kis an Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/123	20-Jul-21	Hon'ble Minister of State DCPC	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
ACFI/2021/124	20-Jul-21	Secretary, DCPC	Agro Chem Federation of India stewardship Program "Kisan Kalyan Karyakram"
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ACFI/2021/132	30- Jul-21	Secretary, CIB&RC	ACFI Stakeholder Comments for Public Notice F. No. 26 -01/2021 - CIR-I issued by Secretariat of CIB&RC, 2 4.05.2021 regarding harmonization of existing toxicological guidelines/ protocols for registration of biopesticides in India
ACFI/2021/133	30- Jul-21	Secretary, CIB&RC	ACFI Stakeholder Comments for Public Notice F. No. 26 -03/ 2021 - CIR-I issued by Secretariat of CIB&RC, 16.07.2021 regarding draft Memorandum of Agreement prepared in consultation with CSIR -IITR' Lucknow - Inviting comments of stakeholders -reg'
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ACFI/2021/134	04-Aug-21	Hon'ble Minister of Finance	Requesting your good self to reduce the GST rate on Pesticides
ACFI/2021/138	06-Aug-21	Joint Secretary (PP)	FIR No. 0810, PS. Mundka lodged against accused arrested for infringement of intellectual Property.
ACFI/2021/139	13-Aug-21	Secretary, Agriculture	Important Judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 04.08.2021, regarding prosecution of Managing Director.
ACFI/2021/140	13-Aug-21	Director Agri, Bihar	Important Judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 04.08.2021, regarding prosecution of Managing Director.
ACFI/2021/141	13-Aug-21	Director Agri, Punjab	Important Judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 04.08.2021, regarding prosecution of Managing Director.
ACFI/2021/142	13-Aug-21	Director Agri, Gujarat	Important Judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 04.08.2021, regarding prosecution of Managing Director.
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ACFI/2021/149	13-Aug-21	Director Agri, Uttar Pradesh	Important Judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 04.08.2021, regarding prosecution of Managing Director.
ACFI/2021/150	13-Aug-21	Director Agri, West Bengal	Important Judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 04.08.2021, regarding prosecution of Managing Director.
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ACFI/2021/152	15-Aug-21	Secretary CIBRC	ACFI Comments on Draft Standard Operating Procedures for use of drone application of pesticide for crop protection (small marginal and organized sector) in agriculture, forestry, non -cropped area - reg.
ACFI/2021/153	16-Aug-21	Joint Secretary (PP)	Regarding "Restriction on Use of Glyphosate Order, 2020"
ACFI/2021/154	23-Aug-21	Secretary CIBRC	Regarding extension of validity of Registration Certificates based on extension of validity of import source registration in their country
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ACFI/2021/155	13- Sept-21	Deputy Director General (Natural Resources Management) ICAR	D.O No NRM/2 -13/2021 -AFC, dated 06.08.2021 & Recommendations of stakeholders Dialogues on "Restrictions in use of Glyphosate: Implications in weed management".
ACFI/2021/158	15-Sept- 2021	Secretary CIBRC	ACFI Comments on Draft guidelines recommen ded by the sub-committee to review guidelines for registration of pesticides u/s 9(3b)' 9(3) and 9(4) of IA, 1968 - Inviting comments of stakeholders reg.

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Ban on weed killer suspended

Justice T Amarnath Goud of Telangana High Court on Thursday suspended the GO 293 issued in May 2021 pertaining to ban of controversial herbicide glyphosate by the Telangana State government. The Agro Chem Federation of India and Crystal Corp. Protection Ltd. filed this writ petition challenging the said GO. The weed killer glyphosate is mostly used in cotton farms. The controversy on its soil pollution and health hazards, including cancers has led to the ban of weed killer in various other countries also.

Senior counsel S Niranjan Reddy representing the petitioners contended that the Agriculture Department does not have the power to impose ban on the use of herbicide under the Insecticides Act. He said, the GO is contrary to 'right to trade and practice' guaranteed under the Constitution of India. Further, he contended that herbicides such as glyphosate are used in the un-season to control the weed. The judge granted interim order suspending the said GO and adjourned the case by 4 weeks directing the Agriculture Department to file its counter.



Role of MSME's to Make Chemical Industry Aatma Nirbhar

October 10, 2020

Recorded version of ICN e-conference held on 9th October 2020.

Speakers

Janak Mehta, President, The Dyestuff Manufacturers Association of India Dr. Shavak Bhumgara, Chairman – Dyes & Dye Intermediate Panel, Chemexcil Deepak Ballani, Director General, The All India Plastics Manufacturers' Association Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, Agro Chem Federation of India Manish Shah, Chairman – Chemicals Committee, Trade Promotion Council of India Ullhas Nirnkar, CMD, NimkarTek

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Agro Chem Federation of India demands probe into spurious pesticides unit busted in Najafgarh

It said that such fraudulent activity in the heart of the capital within a few kilometers from the Lutyens zone questions the governance structure and the fringe elements supporting the illicit trade.





Government should prevent the illegal cultivation of HT Cotton, says ACFI

As per draft order, Indian Govt has proposed to limit sale of glyphosate herbicide to only those who are involved in pest control operations.



Ban on tricyclazol, buprophazine pesticides to adversely affect ...

Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI), the apex organization of agrochemical companies, has strongly opposed the central government's...

Business Standard

Centre moves to limit use of controversial herbicide glyphosate

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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Farmers to be affected after Tricyclazole and Buprofezin ban ACFI

Bhubaneswar: Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI), Saturday, claimed that millions of rice cultivating farmers of Odisha will get affected...

Agrochem industry welcomes PLI scheme; seeks stable policy environment

Industry urges the re-orientation of Production Linked Incentives (PLI) Scheme towards domestic production, import reduction wherever applicable and global collaboration for contract manufacturing.

"There is an urgent need to encourage private industry to create R&D hubs. This will help in pushing innovation into isomers and intermediates," opines Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) who also expresses displeasure at frequent policy changes.

He adds, "There is a huge untapped domestic market in India due to low consumption of agrochemicals which also results in the lower yield per hectare production compared to developed countries. Therefore, high time to look at the potential in the domestic market besides exports."

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Biggest Pesticide Raid in Delhi: Police Seizes Spurious Branded Products

Shipra Singh Updated 3 August, 2021 7:48 AM IST 1

Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI) has demanded a probe into this matter urgently, saying that such illicit activities must be checked in the interest of the farmers and the consumers.

Agrochemicals will play a vital role in achieving US \$5 tn economy by 2025

There will be at least 30 companies in India that will cross the US \$1 bn revenue mark in the next seven years.

Globally compliant regulatory framework is necessary for turning India into an agrochemical hub, stresses Dr. Kalyan Goswami, Director General, Agro Chem Federation of India who isn't satisfied with the way Pesticides Management Bill 2020 has been drafted.

Dr. Goswami said, "PMB 2020, under discussion currently, needs to fix a few issues so as to distinguish itself from the existing Insecticide Act. The transparency and efficiency in the functioning of the registration committee is paramount to the registration of new chemical molecules. However, despite the Standing Commission's recommendation in 2008 on registration of chemical applications to be dealt within one year, it hasn't been reflected in the bill as there

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Centre bans 2 rice cultivation insecticides, ACFI

opposes

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Govts move on glyphosate use leaves all unhappy, may not curb rampant use

Glyphosate has been banned not only in Indian states, ... Kalyan Goswami, Director General of Agro-Chemicals Federation of India (ACFI),...

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Agro-chemical industry in for 'positive growth' in Q1

Kalyan Goswami, Director-General of Agro Chem Federation of India (ACFI), has felt that the first quarter could be an 'average quarter' for the industry.



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