To

**All Directors, ICAR Institutes and Hon'ble VCs of SAUs**

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

*This is in continuation to our earlier requests from NBPGR sent during 2010 and 2011, regarding information on active germplasm collections or any other plant germplasm for food and agriculture available with your esteemed organization.*

*It is desired by the authorities in the ICAR system that* ***information*** *on all types of germplasm maintained as active or working collections in medium term storage (MTS) or field gene banks or with any scientist in his laboratory of your institute/university needs to be documented and shared with NBPGR on an URGENT basis.  Since a portal housing all information related to PGR for food and agriculture is being prepared and updated regularly by NBPGR, with a purpose to facilitate sharing of the right kind of material with breeders to promote PGR utilization for crop improvement, it is requested that the detailed information on al*l available germplasm with your organiz*ation be documented on priority, as per the format below and sent to NBPGR.*

1.     *Crop*

2.     *Botanical name*

3.     *Year of collection*

4.     *Year of regeneration of  the seed lot*

5.     *IC/EC No. (if already allotted by NBPGR)*

6.     *Institute Code No. (if any)*

7.     *Seed quantity in MTS available for distribution*

8.     *Passport data (as per sample sheet enclosed)*

9.     *Specific traits (if any) related to yield, resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses or nutritional quality or any other (please specify)*

*Further, it is requested that if any plant germplasm maintained by your organization is without any National Identity number i.e. Indigenous Collection (IC) number, it may please be submitted to NBPGR along with the passport information in the passport data sheets (copy enclosed) for allotment of IC numbers.*

*Also, in view of the forthcoming 5th Meeting of the National Advisory Board on Management of Genetic Resources at NBPGR, New Delhi on June 16-17, 2014 and Directors Conference scheduled for June 5-6, 2014, this information needs to be presented and discussed.*

*It is, therefore, once again requested to send us the desired information in the form of soft copy as well as hard copy* ***latest by June 5, 2014****.*

*With best regards,*

Encl.: as above

Yours sincerely

(K C Bansal)

Copy to:

         DDG (Crop Science), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001

         DDG (Horticultural Science), ICAR, KAB-II, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110 012

         ADG (Seed), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, Room No 225, New Delhi -110001

         PPS to DG, ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi -110001, for kind information.