



**PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT FORM**

The National Innovation Foundation (NIF) – India, an autonomous institute of Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, is India's national initiative to strengthen the grassroots technological innovations and outstanding traditional knowledge. NIF strives to obtain the written consent from all the innovators/knowledge providers with regards to the innovation(s)/ traditional knowledge practice(s) shared with NIF, assuring confidentiality of the information provided. Upon receipt of the complete technical details of an innovation/ traditional knowledge practice, NIF undertakes detailed prior-art-search to ascertain novelty in the shared innovation(s) and/or traditional knowledge practice(s). Only those innovation(s)/traditional knowledge practice(s) go forward for validation/ value addition/ patent protection, which have novelty or uniqueness at least in some aspects. If an innovation/ validated traditional knowledge practice reaches the stage of technology transfer/ commercialization, NIF finalises the terms of agreement in discussion with the innovator/ knowledge holder ensuring benefit sharing with him/her. No further action is taken on those innovation(s)/ traditional knowledge practice(s) already available in the public domain and innovator/knowledge holder is communicated accordingly.

Name of the Innovator/ Knowledge holder:		Address		Knowledge Source (self/ family/ community/ others)	Can your address be shared? Y/N	Can we undertake Validation/ Value addition/ IPM - Y/N
S. No.	Title of the innovation/ crop variety/ agri practice/ traditional knowledge practice(s) shared with NIF					

**Declaration:** I have read this Prior Informed Consent Form carefully and have understood the process followed by NIF in evaluating the submissions of innovations/ traditional knowledge practices and when the innovations/ traditional knowledge practices will be taken forward and when not. Having understood this, I have voluntarily decided to share the above innovation(s) and/or traditional knowledge practice(s) with NIF. I understand that if any innovation(s)/traditional knowledge practice(s) shared with NIF is already in public domain, then no restrictions on research, publication, diffusion or any other will apply. I further assure NIF that all the information given here is true to the best of my/our knowledge, understanding and belief.

Signature with date

Signature with date

Name of the Innovator/ Knowledge holder/farmer

Name of the Scout