Is the new Seeds Bill tilted against farmers' interest and biased in favour of Seed Companies? Analyse

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As new Seeds Bill is introduced in the parliament, it encourages seeds replacement rate, specify registration standards of seeds & enforce registration from all stake holders. While these are praise worthy, Some of the provisions deviate from Protection of Plants Variety & Farmers' rights Act 2001 (PPVFR) which protects farmers rights

Dilution of farmers rights

1) Compensation for farmer's role in development of a seed variety

PPVFR Act => Provides farmers & community compensation if they Involved in the evolution of seed varieties

Seeds Bill => dilutes this provisions & private Companies are free to claim the rights of seeds

2) Compulsory registration of seeds

PPVFR Act => Voluntary registration of seeds by breeders

Seeds Bill => Compulsory registration, may led to exclusive marketing rights to breeder) allow

3) Compensation in case of failure of seeds

PPVFR Act => provides for compensation in case of failure under PPVFR authority

Seeds Bill => In case of failure, farmers has to be compensated under 'Consumer Protection Act 1986' which is hardly friendly to anyone to approach to.

4) Ambiguous provision for compensation

Seeds Bill => Compensation to farmers only if seeds fails to give expected resulted under "given condition"

=> this given condition is not defined & can be misused & exploited by seed companies

In favour of Seeds Companies

5) Seed ~~Regi~~Registration => even after its validity period. May lead to excorbitant hike in seeds price

6) Seed Pricing => seeds Bills' vague provisions gives ways to fix prices by seed companies without any oversight.

The ambiguities & dilutions can be fixed by involving public institution, to de not profit motive, to develop seeds varietyies. It will uphold the farmers' rights as well as push private companies into a healthy competition.