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Dr. P.L.Gautam is Chairman, National Biodiversity Authority, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India since December 31, 2008. Prior to joining this assignment, he was heading the Crop Science Division of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) as Deputy Director General. Earlier he has served as Vice Chancellor, GBPU&AT, Pantnagar (two terms); Dean, College of Forestry, YS Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan (HP); Director, National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR, ICAR), National Director and National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP, ICAR). Dr.Gautam is Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding, National Environmental Science Academy and Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources. He is the President of Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding.

Dr.Gautam was involved in release of twelve crop varieties and he has guided formulation and implementation of projects on biodiversity management, initiation of new academic programmes / institutions. He has contributed as researcher, teacher and research manager in different institutions of National Agricultural Research System and has been associated with the drafting of the Biological Diversity and Protection of Plant Variety and Farmers' Right Acts. He has contributed as member of Indian delegation for negotiation of ITPGRFA Treaty of the FAO and the CBD. He has contributed to the augmentation of germplasm in the national gene bank including launching of special explorations to the disaster-prone / affected regions of the country.