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Ref. NSAI/2018/039

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Dear Sir,

Subject: Proposed Re-Evaluation of GEAC recommended Bt cotton hybrids during kharif 2018

Greetings from NSAI!!

This is with reference to your mail dated, 6th April, 2018 to our member Seed Companies with reference to Evaluation of GEAC recommended Bt cotton hybrids during kharif 2018. It is also baffling to note that, the Hybrids been approved for Sale in Khariff-2018 & 2019 would also been asked for fresh Trial in Year-2018 once again (as per your mail attached).

There is enormous ambiguity in the practices done by PAU for approval of sale permission of Bt Cotton Hybrids. As you are aware that GEAC has approved the Bt Cotton hybrids on the basis of SAU trial report only. Again, the Seed Companies would have to undergo evaluation Trial in the North Zone for the sale permission, which is improper, having no valid reason. This is contrary to the Seeds Act and you are also not adhering to CICR Guidelines.

After the evaluation trials are performed for getting the sale permission in Punjab, the trial data is also not being provided to the seed company or ICAR, even after repeated request made our member seed companies.

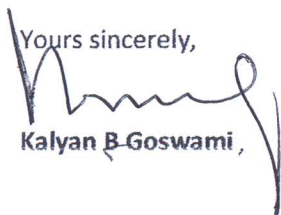
We would also like to inform you that there is also a disparity in the evaluation Trial report. The hybrids which were approved by the evaluation data in 2016 and 2017 for CLCuD resistance, the same hybrids are not approved by the evaluation trial for CLCuD resistance in 2018 and vice versa.

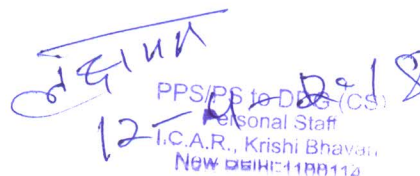
It is also seen that due to the non-transparency in evaluation report, there is disparity and Pick & choose process for the sale permission of Bt Cotton Hybrids as per their whim & fancy. This disparity is leading to confusion among the members, whether they would take-up production to meet Khariff-2019 requirements.

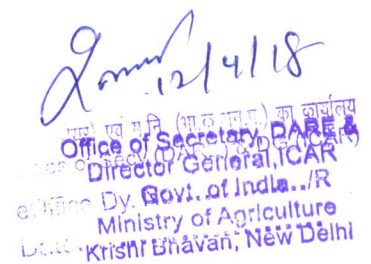
We request you for your kind immediate intervention in the above matter.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

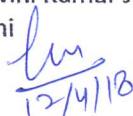

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