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(Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare)

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Subject :- Maximum Sale Price of Bt. Cotton Seeds packed in Refugia in Bag (RIB).

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has specified the gene purity in terms of transgenes *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt.) and minimum level of Bt. toxin in Separate Pack (SP) as well as Refugia in Bag (475 grams i.e. 451.25 grams Bt Cotton Seeds plus 23.75 gram Refugia) issued vide Gazette Notification No. S. O. 802 (E) dated 10th March, 2017.

In exercise of the power conferred by sub-clause (1) of clause 5 of the Cotton Seeds Price (Control) Order, 2015, Department of Agriculture has also notified the Maximum Sale Price (MSP) of BGI and BGII Hybrid Cotton Seed Packet (Refugia in separate packet: 450 grams of Bt. Cotton seed plus 120 grams Refugia) for the Kharif-2017 for the whole of India vide Gazette Notification No. S. O. 802 (E) dated 10th March, 2017.

In this connection, I am directed to inform that some of the seed companies are ready to sell Bt. Cotton Seeds in the new packaging system i.e. Refugia in Bag (RIB-475 grams) in the ensuring Kharif, 2017.

The maximum sale price of such seeds packed in RIB concept will be the same as notified in the above Gazette Notification.

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