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Director General

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Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan  
Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh  
Government of Madhya Pradesh  
Madhya Pradesh

**Respected Sir,**

**Subject: Sale Permission of Bt Cotton seed in Madhya Pradesh for Kharif - 2018**

Greetings from National Seed Association of India!!

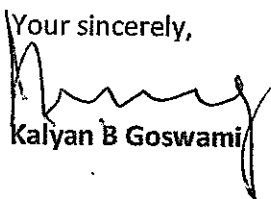
National Seed Association of India (NSAI) is the apex body of Indian Seed Industry having a member base of 497 members. NSAI actively contributes for policy development with the concerned government, to ensure that the policies and regulations create an enabling environment for the growth of seed industry and ultimately for the benefit of farmers.

Sir, you are aware that the sowing season for Bt Cotton seeds starts in Madhya Pradesh by Mid of the May. However, we have been informed by our member seed companies operating in Madhya Pradesh that so far, the State Dept of Agriculture has not given permission to them for Sale of Bt Cotton Seeds. This delay in sale permission may results in unavailability of approved & good quality Bt Cotton seed to the farmers and may encourage the entry of spurious, un approved and poor-quality seed into the market which may cause heavy loss to the farmers.

We, therefore, request you to intervene in the matter and advice the Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh to immediately give permission to seed companies for sale of Bt Cotton Seed in the state for Kharif 2018.

Thanking you,

Your sincerely,



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