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To
The Chairperson
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To
The Chairman
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To
Dr. K. Veluthambi
Chairman, Field Inspection & Scientific Evaluation Committee
Senior Professor and Head
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Dear Sir,

Sub: Gentle Reminder II- Release and cultivation of unapproved HT cotton on large scale – Contamination of parent lines and hybrid seed material of genuine cotton seed producers – Need for specification of protocols for sampling, testing and identifying such unintended contamination.

**Ref: 1) Our letter addressed to you dated 27.12.2017
2) Our letter addressed to Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of India, dated 14.11.2017
3) Our letter addressed to you dated 11.12.2017**

This is with reference to our earlier representations submitted to you on the above subject. We have not yet received any reply / communication from you in this regard.

Keeping in mind the early resolution of the contentious issue, which is distracting the seed companies from their main rôle of being prepared to supply quality seeds to the farmers across the country, we request you to issue a proper guidelines and protocols for sampling and testing on the same at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



Kalyan B Goswami

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