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To

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Sub: Requirement of yearly license for marketing of Bt hybrid cotton seeds in Madhya Pradesh State

Respected Sir/Madam,

Respected Sir,

I am attaching the letter sent by NSAI to the Authorities of Agriculture Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh requesting to dispense with the requirement of a yearly license for marketing of Bt cotton hybrid seed in MP and follow the uniform system of granting permission for the sale of Bt cotton hybrid seed being adopted by various cotton growing states in the country as per the provisions of Central Seed Act 1966 and Seeds Rules 1968.

Presently the Agriculture Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh requires three-year trials additionally for evaluating the performance of Bt cotton hybrids despite the fact that the Bt cotton hybrids already got tested and evaluated in ICAR trial and granted permission from GEAC/ICAR. However, in Madhya Pradesh after additionally testing the said hybrids again for three years in state trials, requires yearly renewal by the Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh for marketing each year. This is not only causing huge financial burden to seed companies but also creating unnecessary harassment and impediments for smooth Bt cotton hybrid seed business in the state.

As you are the technical authority in the state, you are requested to explain and elaborate the above difficulties to authorities of Agriculture Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh so that smooth and unhindered Bt cotton seed business be operated by seed companies in Madhya Pradesh.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

R K Trivedi