

NOTE ON THE ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENT OF HARYANA STATE SEED CERTIFICATION AGENCY

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The Haryana State Seed Certification Agency was set up during the year 1976 under Section-8 of Seeds Act-1966 to fulfill the condition laid down in National seeds Project and was got registered as an independent agency on 6.4.1976 under the Registration of Societies Act-1860. The Agency started its independent working w.e.f. 1.9.1976. The administrative office of the Agency is located at Panchkula and regional offices are at Karnal, Hisar, Sirsa & Rohtak.

The main function of the Agency is to certify, as per prescribed Standards, the seeds of crop/varieties notified by the Government of India under Section-5 of Seeds Act-1966. The details of crop wise standards, prescribed by the Central Seed Certification Board, have been given in the Minimum Seed Certification Standards.

The details of the area inspected and quantity of seed certified by the Haryana State Seed Certification Agency from the year 2012-13 to 2016-17 are given below: -

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AREA INSPECTED</u> <u>('000' HECTS.)</u>	<u>QUANTITY CERTIFIED</u> <u>('000' QTLS.)</u>
1.	2012-13	63.54	1652.49
2.	2013-14	73.34	2069.84
3.	2014-15	75.73	2055.72
4.	2015-16	89.46	2748.69
5.	2016-17 (Target)	90.50	2800.00

During the year 2017-18 it is expected that the different seed producing agencies / growers may offer an area of around 91.00 thousand hectares to the Haryana State Seed Certification Agency for certified seed production of about 28.50 lakhs quintals.

The programme for certification is offered by various seed producing organization like Haryana Seeds Development Corporation, Agriculture

Department, Horticulture Department, Haryana Agricultural University, National Seeds Corporation, IFFDC and other private growers / agencies.

The area offered by these agencies during the year is inspected by the Agency. Though the Agency through its activities encourages the programme for certification of seeds, the area offered for certification by various organizations and private growers became the targets of work of the Agency.

Presently, 215 processing plants are under operation in public and private sector in the state wherein seed processing work of various crop varieties is under taken for Certification purpose. After processing a sample of each lot is drawn and got tested from State Seed Testing laboratory, Karnal & Sirsa under the control of Department of Agriculture and Seed Certification Laboratory, Panchkula and Rohtak, after receiving the results from laboratory, if seed lot meeting the prescribed standards seed lot is certified.

The details of income and expenditure of the Haryana State Seed Certification Agency during the last five years are given below: -

<u>S.NO.</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>INCOME</u> <u>(Rs. In lakh)</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u> <u>(Rs. In lakh)</u>
1.	2012-13	650.21	492.72
2.	2013-14	743.37	591.22
3.	2014-15	818.18	701.00
4.	2015-16	922.50	691.90
5.	2016-17 (Estimated)	1252.26	1250.96

The estimated income & expenditure during the year 2017-18 would be around 1298.00 lakhs each.

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