

Agcs-12027(31)/14/2017-SEED SEC
Date: -12-2017

O/o Special Commissioner of Agriculture
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sub: Seed Regulation cell-- E.P. Act,1986 and Rules,1989 and Seed (Control) Order,1983 – Surprise Squad formed by the Government - Inspected the Cotton Seed Processing plants in Kurnool District – Detailed information submitted for further action-Show cause issued to M/s. Gouthami Seeds Pvt. Ltd.- Regarding.

Ref:1.G.O.Rt.No.630 and 636 dt. 17.10.2017 of Spl.Chief Secretary to Govt. Agri. & Coop (Agri.II), A.P.
2. No.dt.08.12.2017 to 10.12.2017 from O/o JDA, Kurnool
3.Rc.No.Nil/MAO/KNL/2017 dt.09.12.17 & 11.12.2017 of the MAO,kurnool
4. Roc.No.D2/Inspections/17 Dated: 15-12-2017 from JDA, Kurnool
5.OM No.13/39/2007-CS-II dated 17-04-2009 from Ministry of S &T ,DBT from GOI

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It is to inform that vide reference 1st cited the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has constituted the committee to look into the illegalities and risks of such seed sales and cultivation and alert the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) MOEF for the contraventions under the Environmental Protection Act,1986 and Rules, 1989 .

As per the instructions of Special Chief Secretary, Agri. & Coop. A.P. State HT Task Force committee namely Sri. S. Balakrishna, VC & MD, APSSDCL. Vijayawada, Sri.K.V.Ramaraju, Joint Director of Agriculture, Seeds, O/o. Spl.Commissioner of Agriculture, Guntur and Sri. P. Jaya Krishna, Incharge A.D.A, DNA Finger Print Lab, Guntur along with the Officers deputed by the Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool has conducted the surprise inspections on 09-12-2017 in the premises of M/s. Gouthami Seeds Pvt.Ltd., Door No. 76/97/439/3-D-1, Ballary Road, Peddapadu Road, Kurnool bearing CSL No. 172.

At the time of inspection of M/s. Gouthami Seeds Pvt.Ltd., the Team verified the records and registers pertaining to the cotton seeds, after that identified the some stocks at plat form for drying and found some stocks were under process of delinting and then immediately conducted the HT Test by Incharge ADA, DNA Finger Print Lab, Guntur and identified the HT trait in the BT cotton seeds.

Further they have inspected the godown in the same premises and found some bulk cotton seeds in gunny bags pertaining to M/s. Sai Krishna seeds Pvt.Ltd., Mahaboobnagar which stocks were belongs to the M/s. Narmada Sagar Agri Seeds Pvt.Ltd., bearing DC No. 1303 Dt. 24.11.2017 of 21124 Kgs (approximately) of Cotton seeds and some other

stocks pertaining to M/s. Cygnus Crop Sciences Pvt.Ltd., Hyderabad found 3888.850 Kgs of Bulk Bt.Cotton seeds and concerned delivery challans also seized by the MAO, Kurnool.

Further the committee inspected the other godown in the same premises and found some processed and unprocessed Cotton seeds and team enquired about that the seed stocks with Mr. P. Jayakrishna Reddy, Managing Director of M/s. Gouthami Seeds Pvt. Ltd., and he said that, the seed belongs to Mr. Thalluru Ragavaiah, who is the Seed Organizer residing at Venkataramana Colony, Kurnool. Further the Incharge ADA, DNA FP Lab, Guntur conducted lot wise HT Test to the above said cotton seeds with instant testing strips (CP4EPSPS) and identified HT trait positive in above cotton seeds in the presence of the Mr. P. Jayakrishna Reddy, Managing Director of the firm.

As per the instructions of the Investigating Committee, the Mandal Agricultural Officer, Kurnool vide ref. 3rd cited dt. 09.12.2017 have drawn 67 no. of seed samples from the above said stocks each in 3 Nos. per each lot for analysis purpose under Seed Act 1966 and Seed (Control) Order 1983 and sent DNA FP Lab, Guntur.

In view of above circumstances through the ref. 3rd cited dt. 11.12.2017, the Mandal Agricultural Officer, Kurnool has stated that Mr. P. Jayakrishna Reddy, Managing Director of M/s. Gouthami Seeds Pvt.Ltd., has contravened the provisions of E.P. Act 1986, Section 6,7,21,23 of Seed Act 1966 and Seed Control Order 1983. Hence the bulk BT. Cotton seeds of about 26911 Kgs and lint cotton seed of about 9828 KGs (approximately) have been seized pertaining to M/s. Gouthami Seeds Pvt.Ltd., Kurnool and 2 Nos. of Ginning Registers and 1 No. of Delivery Challan of M/s. Narmada Agri Seeds Pvt.Ltd. and 9 Nos. of Delivery Challans of M/s. Cygnus Crop Sciences Pvt.Ltd., are also seized and the same was recorded in Form -IV duly conducted Panchanama.

In this context, the firm M/s. Gouthami Seeds Pvt.Ltd., Door No. 76/97/439/3-D-1, Ballary Road, Peddapadu Road, Kurnool is here by directed to show cause why their bearing CSL No. 172 should not be suspended / Cancelled under clause 15 of Seeds (Control) order 1983 for violating the provisions under Section 10, 11, Rule 7 and 11 of E.P Act and Rules 1986 and Rule 10 of 1989 read with section 15 of E.P Act.1986 and Clause 3, 8A read with 15 of Seeds (Control) order 1983.

Further the firm is informed that the reply should reach this office within 5 days after the receipt of this notice otherwise action will be initiated as per the above mentioned provisions of the seed laws without further intimation.

Licensing Authority And
Additional Director of Agriculture (Seeds)
O/o Commissioner of Agriculture,
AP, Guntur.

Received notice
P. Ramulu
19/12/17



To

M/s. Gouthami Seeds Pvt.Ltd., Door No. 76/97/439/3-D-1, Ballary Road, Peddapadu Road, Kurnool bearing CSL No. 172.

Copy to the Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool with a request to serve the show cause notice to the said firm duly obtaining dated acknowledgement and furnish compliance immediately to the Licensing Authority.
