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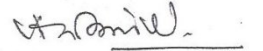
Director of Agriculture  
Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan

**Sub: Minutes of the Meeting held to Discuss the Possibilities of Seed Production Programme of Soybean during summer 2014-15**

Sir,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the minutes of the Meeting held with selected States government and Seed Production Agencies on 29.12.2014 at Krishi Bhavan for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



(Anupam Barik)  
Addl. Commissioner (OS)

**Encl. As above**

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8. All officers of Oilseeds Division

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1. PPS to Joint Secretary (OS)

## **Minutes of the Meeting held on 29.12.2014 at 03:00 pm to Discuss the Possibilities of Seed Production Programme of Soybean during Summer 2014-15.**

A meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 at 03:00 PM in Mahalanobis Hall, Krishi Bhawan under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Oilseeds) to discuss the possibilities of seed production programme of soybean during Summer 2014-15. List of participants is appended.

Joint Secretary (Oilseeds) in his initial remarks pointed out that there is a likelihood of seed shortage in soybean during kharif 2015 due to unfavorable climatic condition in kharif 2014 and earlier during kharif 2013. He enquired about the position of soybean seed availability during the current season. He urged that States and Seed Agencies must take-up additional seed production programme of soybean during summer 2014-15 for use in kharif 2015.

ADG (O&P), ICAR supported the above observation and urged the State governments and Central and State Seed Production Agencies to make special efforts in this direction. Director (I&Q), Department of Agriculture, Maharashtra made a brief presentation on the planned seed production programme on soybean during summer 2014-15. He informed that the position of soybean seed availability would be better than last year. The following important issues/recommendations emerged during the discussion:

- Department of Agriculture, Maharashtra pointed out that the department in collaboration with MSSC, Maharashtra has a target to produce about 12,000 qtls of soybean seed during summer 2014-15. The State has advocated for use of farms saved seed through special campaigns and the same will be continued during kharif-2015.
- NSC informed that they have produced about 1.65 lakh qtls. of soybean seed during kharif 2014 and has a target to produce soybean seed in about 350 ha during summer 2014-15 in Andhra Pradesh.
- HIL informed that they too have a small programme of about 250 ha to produce soybean seed during summer 2014-15 in Tamil Nadu, however, this will depend on the timely reduction of soil moisture level due to continuous rains currently experienced by the State.
- The States and Seed Agencies emphasized on the need of enhanced financial support for summer seed production of soybean as the crop yield will be reduced to about 2-4 qtls from the normal average of about 10.00 qtls per ha.
- MSSC, Maharashtra informed that their summer soybean seed production programme is being planned to be taken up in Andhra Pradesh for which support from State government of Maharashtra may be made available. MSSC also raised the issue of higher price of Breeder Seed and non-supply of BS by the SAUs.
- As regards the quality of seed is concerned, it was reported by all that the quality of soybean seed would be better than that of last year.

The following recommendations were arrived at the meeting:

1. The State governments of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh should make all out efforts to produce soybean seed during summer 2014-15 to reduce the expected shortfall of soybean seed during kharif 2015. The support provided under demonstration may be utilized to give additional benefit to the farmers to compensate the expected low yield during off-season. States may submit proposals for additional area under crop demonstrations.
2. Central and State Seed Corporations should tie-up with the respective States and organize soybean seed production programme during summer 2014-15 on larger areas.
3. ICAR may examine the fixation of rate of Breeder Seed of certain crops so as to make them reasonable.
4. Cases of non-supply of Breeder Seed should be brought to the notice of ADG (Seeds) with a copy to ADG (O&P), Seeds and concerned Division of DAC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

## Appendix

**List of Participants of the Meeting held on 29.12.2014 at 03:00 pm to Discuss the Possibilities of Seed Production Programme of Soybean during Summer 2014-15.**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation &amp; Organization</b>
1	Sh. Sanjay Lohiya	Joint Secretary, Oilseeds, DAC
2	Dr. BB Singh	ADG, O&P, ICAR
3	Dr. Anupam Barik	Addl. Commissioner (OS), DAC
4	Sh. JP Singh	Consultant, Oilseeds, Shastri Bhawan
5	Sh. M Dutta	Consultant, Oilseeds, Shastri Bhawan
6	Sh. KS Ngangbam	Dy. Director, (OS) Shastri Bhawan
7	Sh. TP Singh	Asstt. Director, (CA) Krishi Bhawan
8	Dr. PR Choudhary	Sr. Scientist, Seeds, ICAR
9	Sh. Jayant Deshmukh	Director, Agriculture (I&QC), Maharashtra
10	Sh. N Ramamoorthy	HIL, New Delhi
11	Sh. Ram Prakash	HIL, New Delhi
12	Sh. Kuldeep Singh	GM (Prod.) NSC, New Delhi
13	Sh. DB Bobade	MSSC, Akola, Maharashtra
14	Sh. LH Meshram	MSSC, Akola, Maharashtra