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एवं  
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## PREFACE

I am happy to learn that Seeds Division-V has prepared a Ready Reckoner on its role and responsibilities which include, administrative & technical matters of the Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers Rights Authority, Policy on Intellectual Property Rights of Seeds, Genetically Modified Crops, the National Seed Reserve (NSR), International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), Global Crop Diversity Trust (GCDT), Establishment of SAARC Seed Bank and bilateral cooperation between India and its partners in seed development etc.

This booklet contains information on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority; guidelines of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; succinct briefs on Global Crop Diversity Trust, Bilateral Cooperation between India and Germany, SAARC Seed Bank, Genetically Modified Crops, Bt. cotton, Bt. brinjal, GM mustard; and Guidelines of NSR which readers, particularly those engaged in the seed business will find useful. The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare, the State Departments of Agriculture, State Seeds Corporations, State Agriculture Universities, ICAR Institutes as well as officials of the FAO, Plant Treaty, PPV&FRA, Crop Trust, IPR on Seeds, GMOs, SAARC Seed Bank etc. will undoubtedly benefit from the valuable information put together in this handy booklet.

The officials of Seeds Division-V unit deserve commendation for conceptualising the Ready Reckoner, which deserves emulation by others.

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## FOREWORD

This booklet contains the Organizational Chart, Work allocation among the staff under Seeds Division-V and calendar of activities etc. This unit deals administrative & technical matters of Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers Rights Authority, matters of Intellectual Property Rights Policy in seed sector, matters on Genetically Modified Crops, implementation & monitoring of National Seed Reserve and Application of Biotechnology components of Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Materials and International issues namely International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), Global Crop Diversity Trust (GCDT), Establishment of SAARC Seed Bank and Bilateral Cooperation between India and other countries on seed development etc. This booklet also contains the brief information regarding brief and guidelines of ITPGRFA, brief on GCDT, brief on Bilateral Cooperation between India and Germany, brief on SAARC Seed Bank, brief on Genetically Modified Crops, brief on Bt. cotton, Bt. brinjal and GM mustard and Guidelines of NSR etc. ,

This booklet will serve as a ready reckoner of information which can be used by the Officers / Officials of Seeds Division –V as well as by the higher Officers as a handy information / materials. With the help of this booklet information of Seeds Division-V can be retrieved easily and immediately in case of emergency.

This booklet will also help in quick disposal of cases / receipts and Parliament Questions in the Seeds Division-V and serve as an Induction Material for the newly inducted Officers/ Staff of the Division.

The efforts put forth by the Officers and staff of Seeds Division-V in bringing out this Booklet is acknowledged.

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