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The Zonal Seed Review Meeting (ZSRM) for Rabi 2009-10 will be held in August and September 2009 as per schedule at Annexure I (19.08.2009, 18.08.2009 and 08.09.2009 for South and West Zones, North and East Zones and North-Eastern Zone respectively). As you are aware, ZSRM is held prior to the agricultural seasons of Kharif and Rabi every year. It is followed by the National Conference under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Agriculture), Government of India. The inputs received in the ZSRM are carried into the National Conference to assess the preparedness for the ensuing agricultural season.

2. The Zonal Seed Review Meeting is a very important link in ensuring the preparedness for the agricultural season. It is therefore, requested that the Commissioner/Director of Agriculture of each State should participate in the meeting. The names of the officers who will be participating in the meeting may be informed to this Department.

3. The agenda for the meeting is enclosed at Annexure 'II' alongwith the proformae on which information is to be forwarded to the Government of India. The information may please be forwarded to the Department [Shri S. Selvaraj, Deputy Commissioner (Seeds), Room No. 218, F Wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi : 110 001]. The information may also be mailed to Government of India (upmachawdhry@hotmail.com; selvakrishi@yahoo.com). The letter (and the proformae attached to it) are also available on the departmental website (<http://agricoop.nic.in> or <http://seednet.gov.in>).

4. One of the most important items taken up for discussion pertains to the availability and requirement of certified/quality seed for the following season. The States are required to conduct a detailed exercise that involves certain important actions at the level of the State Government as given below:

- i) Determine the requirement of seed for the season: This is normally done on the basis of the estimated area under each crop multiplied by the SRR for the crop.

- ii) Assess the availability of seed against such requirement: The availability of both certified and quality seed should be taken into account. The assessment should include the production of seed by all seed producing agencies viz:
- (a) State Department of Agriculture.
 - (b) State Seed Certification Agency.
 - (c) State Seed Producing agencies.
 - (d) GOI Corporations, viz. NSC and SFCI.
 - (e) Private Sector, etc.

It is noted that some States do not reflect the position of the seed likely to be supplied by the private sector or even by the GOI Corporations viz. NSC and SFCI. As a result, the position brought to the ZSRM by the State is incomplete.

- iii) State level interactions: This would require consultations/meetings by the State Department of Agriculture with the concerned stake-holders viz. SSCs, Seed Certification Agencies, NSC, SFCI, private sector, etc. prior to and well in advance of the ZSRM. Such meetings will give the State a full view of the seed sources and availability and enable effective preparations.
- iv) Overall position : An overall position of shortage or surplus is to be developed by the State Government.
- v) The State has to clearly indicate how the shortage will be met.

5. The national position of shortage/surplus is developed on the basis of the information provided by the State Government. It is, therefore, necessary that the States should conduct an effective assessment of seed position as per steps indicated above and carry the total picture into the ZSRM.

6. From Rabi 2009-10, the States are also requested to provide details of the availability of seeds as per duration, viz. long, medium and short. Therefore, some of the formats used in earlier ZSRMs have been revised and new formats have also been added. It is requested that each of the proformae is filled in fully and forwarded to the Government of India by due date.

7. The States may like to consider the impact of delayed/deficient South West Monsoon on seed requirement for Rabi 2009-10.

Yours sincerely,

(UPMA CHAUDHRY)

The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Agriculture) of all the State Governments

Copy to the Commissioner/Director (Agriculture) of all the State Governments

ANNEXURE-I

SCHEDULE OF ZONAL SEED REVIEW MEETINGS FOR GENERAL AND VEGETABLE CROPS FOR RABI 2009-10.

S.No.	Zone	Date	Time	Programme	Venue
1	North & East Zone States	18.08.2009 (Tuesday)	12.00 Noon to 5.30 P.M.	Seeds	Lecture Hall, National Agriculture Science Centre Complex, (NASC),Office Block, ICAR, Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, New Delhi- 110012
2	South & West Zone States	19.08.2009 (Wednesday)	12.00 Noon to 5.30 P.M.	Seeds	
3.	North Eastern States	08.9.2009 (Tuesday)	9.30 AM to 5.30 PM	Seeds	Guwahati, Assam

AGENDA FOR ZONAL SEED REVIEW MEETINGS
DISCUSSION FOR RABI 2009-10:

(i) Breeder Seed :

- Lifting of Breeder Seed during Rabi 2008-09 and Kharif-2009
- Quality of Breeder Seed

(ii) Foundation Seed:

- Conversion of Breeder seed into Foundation Seed during Rabi 2008-09
- Foundation Seed requirement and availability for Rabi 2009-10.

(iii) Certified Seed :

- Seed Multiplication Ratio SMR (Breeder seed to certified seed)
- National Seed Plan – Requirement, availability and distribution of certified/quality seed for last 2 years and current season
- Seed Replacement Rate achieved last two years and current season expected.
- Certified/Quality seed requirement and availability for Rabi 2009-10. Target for Rabi 2010-11.

(iv) Progress of implementation of Seed Law Enforcement, Seed Act-1966, Seed Rules 1968 and Seed (Control) Order 1983.

(v) Progress of Seed Certification: Foundation and Certified seed

(vi) Review of Schemes of Seed Division :

- *“Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds”*
 - (i) Seed Village Programme including PM’s relief package.
 - (ii) Seed Infrastructure Facilities – Seed Processing and Seed Storage Godown
 - (iii) Hybrid Rice Seed Production
 - (iv) Tissue Culture Lab
 - (v) Seed Quality Control
 - (vi) Seed Bank
- Seed Component of Macro Management of Agriculture
- Seed Component of ISOPOM
- Seed Component of NFSM
- Seed Component of RKVY

(vii) Seed Mission

VARIETY-WISE DETAILS OF LIFTING OF CEREALS PULSES OILSEEDS, FIBRE AND FODDER BREEDER SEED ALLOTTED DURING RABI 2008-09 (OUT OF RABI 2007-08 PRODUCTION)

STATE/UT/AGENCY					QTY IN QTLS	
Crop	Variety	Allotment	Name of Breeder	Breeder seed lifted	% of lifting	Reasons for non-lifting
Crop Total						
Grand Total						
NOTE :						
	1	Reasons for not/less lifting.				
	2	Seed not available with the breeder				
	3	Breeder did not supply the seed to indentors.				
	4	Indentor did not approach the breeder.				
	5	Late approach by the indentor				
	6	Seed not ready to supply.				
	7	Any other reasons (Please specify)				

**VARIETY-WISE DETAILS OF LIFTING OF CEREALS PULSES OILSEEDS, FIBRE AND FODDER BREEDER SEED ALLOTTED DURING
KHRIF-2009 (OUT OF KHARIF-2008 PRODUCTION)**

STATE/UT/AGENCY					QTY IN QTLS	
Crop	Variety	Allotment of breeder seed	Name of Breeder	Breeder seed lifted	% of lifting	Reasons for non-lifting
Crop Total						
Grand Total						
NOTE :						
	1	Reasons for not/less lifting.				
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	5	Late approach by the indentor				
	6	Seed not ready to supply.				
	7	Any other reasons (Please specify)				

ARRANGEMENT TO MEET THE FOUNDATION SEED REQUIREMENT OF CEREALS PULSES OILSEEDS, FIBRE AND FODDER CROPS DURING RABI 2009-10

STATE												QTY IN QUINTALS	
Sl.No.	Crop	Variety	S/M/L Duration	Requirement Rabi 2009-10	Sources of Availability							Surplus/ Shortage	Tie up for shortages
					SSC	DOA	SAU	NSC	SFCI	OTHERS	TOTAL		
			Short										
			Medium										
			Long										
	Total												
	Grand Total												
Note :	Details be given separately for varieties & hybrids.												

VARIETY-WISE DETAILS OF LIFTING OF VEGETABLE BREEDER SEED ALLOTTED DURING RABI 2008-09 (OUT OF RABI 2007-08 PRODUCTION)

STATE/UT/AGENCY						
Crop	Variety	Allotment	Name of Breeder	Breeder seed lifted	% of lifting	Reasons for non-lifting
Crop Total						
Grand Total						
NOTE :						
	1	Reasons for not/less lifting.				
	2	Seed not available with the breeder				
	3	Breeder did not supply the seed to indentors.				
	4	Indentor did not approach the breeder.				
	5	Late approach by the indentor				
	6	Seed not ready to supply.				
	7	Any other reasons (Please specify)				

**VARIETY-WISE DETAILS OF LIFTING OF VEGETABLE BREEDER SEED ALLOTTED DURING KHARIF-2009
(OUT OF KHARIF-2008 PRODUCTION)**

STATE/UT/AGENCY					Qty. in Kgs.	
Crop	Variety	Allotment of breeder seed	Name of Breeder	Breeder seed lifted	% of lifting	Reasons for non-lifting
Crop Total						
Grand Total						
NOTE :						
	1	Reasons for not/less lifting.				
	2	Seed not available with the breeder				
	3	Breeder did not supply the seed to indentors.				
	4	Indentor did not approach the breeder.				
	5	Late approach by the indentor				
	6	Seed not ready to supply.				
	7	Any other reasons (Please specify)				

ARRANGEMENT TO MEET THE FOUNDATION SEED REQUIREMENT OF VEGETABLE CROPS DURING RABI 2009-10

STATE											Qty. in Qtls.	
Sl.No.	Crop	Variety	Requirement Rabi 2009-10	Sources of Availability							Surplus/ Shortage	Tie up for shortages
				SSC	DOA	SAU	NSC	SFCI	OTHERS	TOTAL		
	Total											
	Grand Total											
Note :	Details be given separately for varieties & hybrids.											
	Details of popular important/indigenious varieeties marketed in the stat by Govt./Pvt. Agencies be included.											

