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Date: 17-10-2017

O/o Special Commissioner of Agriculture
AP, Guntur.

MEMO

Sub: Illegal Seed Production and distribution of Genetically Engineered Cotton containing unapproved Transgenic Glyphosate Tolerance Trait in India-Instructions Issued - Reg

Ref: 1. F.No.13/3/2008-CS-1 dated: 6/10/2017, GOI, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi,
2. Cultivation of illegal Herbicide Cotton from Member Secretary GEAC, New Delhi, dated: 12/10/2017 through mail.

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It is to Inform that GEAC, Ministry of Environment, Forest and climate change requested Ministry of Agriculture, GOI to take appropriate action against Seed companies selling spurious Seeds in the name of approved Bt cotton hybrids

GEAC requested the Ministry of Agriculture suitable directions to the States for drawing of Bt cotton samples and analyse for the presence or absence of unapproved Herbicide Resistant gene in the Notified Labs having provision for detection of LMOs and to initiate necessary action as per Section 6, 7, 21 & 23 of Seeds Act, 1966.

In view of the above all JDAs in the State are requested to draw Samples of Bt cotton wherever available to the DNA Lab A.P., invariably and identify the areas of standing crop of Herbicide Resistant Bt Cotton and Seed Production plots in the districts.

Further the JDAs are requested to send a detailed report on drawal of samples and areas of Herbicide Resistant Cotton crop and action taken as per the provisions of the Seeds Act,1966 and the Environmental Protection Act,1986 within Five days from the date of receipt this Memo.

Matter Most Urgent

**for Special Commissioner of Agriculture
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.**

**To
The JDAs in the State for immediate action.**