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AGC02-12027(31)/28/2018 Date: -7-2018. O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Sub: Seed Regulation Cell – Seeds Act, 1966- Seed (Control) Order, 1983Drawal of Cotton seed sample from the premises of M/s Sri Balaji Traders
, Kurnool – produced by M/s Neo Seeds India Ltd, Hyderabad-Marketed by
M/s Indus Valley Agro seeds Pvt.Ltd- DNA lab Analytical report shows
Positive to Herbicide tolerant; (HT) – Show cause notices issued to M/s Neo
Seeds India Ltd & Marketed by M/s Indus Valley Agro seeds Pvt.Ltd- Reg.

Ref: 1.Roc No D2/Inspections/2017 dt 21-06-2018 of Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool.

- 2. Roc No. Nil/MAO/KNL/2017 dt 14-06-2018 of MAO, Kurnool.
- 3. Analytical Report SD.ROC.No.10/18-19with lab code SD-63, 64 dt 21-05-2018 of ADA, DNA Fingerprinting & Transgenic Crops Monitoring Laboratory, Guntur.

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It is to inform that vide reference 1st cited while enclosing the reference 2nd the Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool has informed that MAO, Kurnool has inspected the premises of M/s Sri Balaji Traders, Kurnool on 10-05-2018 and conducted a preliminary HT Cotton Strip test on Bt Cotton Hybrid Surya BG II (Neo 1652 BG II) bearing lot no. 2026 IV 1471 and found positive for Herbicide Tolerant trait i.e CP4EPSPS gene. Further the MAO, Kurnool has drawn the positive sample from the stock of Hybrid Surya BG II (Neo 1652 BG II) with Lot No. 2026 IV 1471 for analysis purpose and send to DNA Fingerprinting & Transgenic Crops Monitoring Laboratory, Guntur under E.P. Act 1986, Rules 1989 and Seeds (control) Order, 1983.

The stock pertains to M/s Neo Seeds India Ltd, Hyderabad with lot no. 2026 IV 1471 were seized & recorded in Form IV duly acknowledged and conducted panchanama and obtained the safe custody orders from the Hon'ble Judicial First Class Magistrate ,Kurnool and kept under the custody of MAO, Kurnool.

Vide reference 3rd cited it is reported that seed sample produced by M/s Neo Seeds India Ltd, Hyderabad & Marketed by M/s Indus Valley Agro seeds Pvt.Ltd contained CP4EPSPS gene with MON 88913 Herbicide Tolerant Trait (HT) which is not approved by GEAC (Genetic Engineering Approval Committee) for commercial release in India.

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Further it is to inform that the producer M/s Neo Seeds India Ltd, Hyderabad & Marketed by M/s Indus Valley Agro seeds Pvt.Ltd has contravened the provision of Section 6,7 of Seeds Act, 1966 read with section 21, 23 and Clause 3, 8A read with Clause 15 of Seeds (Control) Order, 1983.

In this context, the producer firm M/s Neo Seeds India Ltd, Hyderabad having CSL No.RRD/0/ADDL.DA/CSL/2014/506 and the Marketer M/s Indus Valley Agro seeds Pvt.Ltd having CSL RRD/15/ADDL.DA/CSL/2014/1133 is directed to Show Cause why their Centralized seed licenses should not be suspended/cancelled under clause 15 of Seed (control) Order 1983 for violating the provision of Section 6, 7 of Seeds Act, 1966 read with section 21, 23 and Clause 3, 8A read with Clause 15 of Seeds (Control) Order, 1983.

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

Encl: 1. DNA Lab reports.

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

To

M/s Neo Seeds India Pvt Ltd , D.NO.76-11-23, kollafaram road, Bhavanipuram Vijayawada.

M/s. Indus Valley Agro seeds Pvt.Ltd, Flat No 102, Vamsi Residency, Veenus Colony, Kurnool.

Copy to the Joint Director of Agriculture, Krishna and 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.

Signature valid

Digitally signed by JAGANNADHAM R

Date: 2018.07/11/20:39:02 IST

Reason: Approx

Copy Received along with analytical Report.

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