

AGC02-12027(31)/24/2018

O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture

Date: -7-2018.

Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

**SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

**Sub:** Seed Regulation Cell – Seeds Act, 1966- Seed (Control) Order, 1983- Drawal of Cotton seed sample from the premises of M/s Bhuvanewari seed Centre, Adoni –produced by M/s Western Agri Seeds, Ltd Hyderabad- Marketed by M/s Sai Bhavya Seeds, Saroornagar- DNA lab Analytical report shows Positive to Herbicide tolerant (HT) – Show cause notices issued to M/s Western Agri Seeds Ltd & M/s Sai Bhavya Seeds, Saroornagar -Reg.

**Ref:** 1. Roc No D2/Inspections/2017 dt 03-07-2018 of Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool.  
2. Roc No MAO/Seeds Act/2018 dt 28.05.2018 of MAO, Adoni.  
3. Analytical Report SD.ROC.No.18/17-18 dt 23.04.2018 of ADA, DNA Fingerprinting & Transgenic Crops Monitoring Laboratory, Guntur.

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It is to inform that vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited while enclosing the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> the Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool has informed that MAO, Adoni has inspected the premises of M/s Bhuvanewari seed centre, Adoni on 26-05-2018 and conducted a preliminary HT Cotton Strip test on Bt Cotton Hybrid Western Nirogi-51 bearing lot no. SB-18-99011 and found positive for Herbicide Tolerant trait i.e CP4EPSPS gene. Further the MAO, Adoni has drawn the positive sample from the stock of Hybrid Western Nirogi-51 with Lot No.SB-18-99011 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 Western Agri seeds ltd with lot no. SB-18-99011 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, Adoni.

Vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited it is reported that seed sample produced by M/s Western Agri Seeds, Ltd ,Hyderabad & Marketed by M/s Sai Bhavya Seeds ,Saroornagar 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.

Further it is to inform that the producer M/s Western Agri Seeds, Ltd, Hyderabad & Marketer M/s Sai Bhavya Seeds ,Saroornagar 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 Western Agri Seeds, Ltd, Hyderabad, having CSL No. GUN/26/ADDL.DA/CSL/2015/1425 and the Marketer M/s Sai Bhavya Seeds Saroornagar having CSL No.MNR/24/ADDL.DA/CSL/2014/931 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.Western Agri Seeds Ltd, D.No.11-594/G, Annapurnanagar, Guntur.

M/s Sai Bhavya Seeds, Door no.28-3-11/13, flat no.501, Kisan nagar, vinayaka apartment, Block.281, Nellore.

Copy to the Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur and Nellore 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.