

Agcs-12027(31)/14/2017-SEED SEC  
Date: 29-01-2018

O/o Special Commissioner of Agriculture  
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur

**SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

**Sub:** Seed Regulation cell-Seed (Control) Order, 1983, E.P. Act, 1986 and Rules, 1989 – Constitution of committee to look into the illegalities and risks of HT Cotton seed sales and cultivation and alert the GEAC growing RRF or Glycel Bt cotton seeds in Guntur district-Report submitted by HT Task force Team-Show cause issued to M/s Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd, Guntur-Reg.

**Ref:** 1.G.O.Rt.No.630 and 636 dt. 17.10.2017 of Spl.Chief Secretary to Govt. Agri. & Coop (Agri.II), A.P.  
2.Memo No.5281/Agri.II/AI/2017-2 dated 22-01-2018 of Spl.Chief Secretary to Govt. Agri. & Coop (Agri.II), A.P.  
3.DS Roc No. 9/17-18 dated : 16-11-2017 from ADA, DNA Lab, Guntur.

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It is to inform that vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has constituted the committee to look into the illegalities and risks of HT Cotton seed sales and cultivation and alert the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) MOEF for the contraventions under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986 and Rules, 1989 .


Vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited , A.P. State HT Task Force namely Sri S.Bala Kishna , VC & MD , APSSDCL, Vijayawada, Sri.KME.Prasad ADA, Seed Regulation Cell has conducted visits to Cotton fields in Mallavaram , Palakaluru villages of Guntur Rural mandal , Guntur district on 23-10-2017 & 24-10-2017 and collected Leaf samples from 22 cotton plots and ten samples found positive for CP4EPSPS gene and the event present is MON 88913 as per 3<sup>rd</sup> reference . Out of ten samples six samples taken from the tenant farmer Sri.Mannava Suri Babu S/o Gopala Rao of Palakaluru village. As per the conversation held with the farmer it came to know that out of six samples two samples found HT Positive which happens to be Raja variety of Nuziveedu seeds company.

Any Genetically Modified Crop (GM Crop) in India should be released for commercial crop use only after approval of Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC). Prior to approval GEAC gives permission to conduct Bio-safety Research Level I & II trials. Based on the BRL trials evaluation reports GEAC given permission for release of that G.M Crop under the stipulated terms and conditions. HT cotton (Roundup Ready Flex) contains the genes for Bollgard I (BG-I), BG-II and the CP4-EPSPS gene (the herbicide

tolerant gene) and does not have the centre's clearance to be used commercially. Hence the samples which are found HT Positive for CP4-EPSPS gene is illegal and unapproved.

In view of the above, the firm M/s. Nuziveedu Seeds .Ltd., Door No. 5/97/5, 6<sup>th</sup> lane, 12<sup>th</sup> cross road, Brodipet ,Guntur-002 is here by to show cause why their CSL No. RRD/0/ADDL.DA/CSL/2014/1 should not be suspended / Cancelled under clause 15 of Seeds (Control) order 1983 for violating the provisions under Section 11, of E.P Act and Rule 10 of 1989 read with section 15 of E.P Act, 1986 and Clause 3, 8A read with 15 of Seeds (Control) order 1983.

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

  
Licensing Authority And 29.1.18  
Additional Director of Agriculture (Seeds)  
O/o Commissioner of Agriculture,  
AP, Guntur.

To

M/s. Nuziveedu Seeds.Ltd, Door No. 5/97/5, 6<sup>th</sup> lane, 12<sup>th</sup> cross road, Brodipet ,Guntur-522-002

Copy to the Joint Director of Agriculture, Guntur 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.