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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER-CUM-DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD PRODUCTION,ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR.

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To

The Deputy Director of Agriculture(all)

Sub: Modalities to involve the Deputy Director of Agriculture in Seed Production programme.

Sir,

I am to enclose here with the Modalities to involve the Deputy Director of Agriculture in Seed Production programme along with the Rabi2014-15 seed production programme taken up by OSSC &OAIC Ltd.for taking further action at your end.

As Govt. in Agriculture Department has emphasized on inside state seed production, the modalities communicated herewith may be meticulously followed, weekly review meetings may be conducted to assess the progress of the programme & monthly reports may be submitted to this Directorate on regular basis. Any shortcomings may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

28/01/2015

Commissioner –cum- Director,
Agriculture & Food Production
Odisha.

Memo No. 2964 /Agril., dated 29-01-15

Copy forwarded to the Managing Director, OSSC Ltd. Bhubaneswar/ Managing Director, OAIC, Satyanagar, Bhubaneswar/ Director, OSSOPCA, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

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Addl.Director of Agriculture(Extn.)

Memo No. 2965 /Agril., dated 29-01-15

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Addl.Director of Agriculture(Extn.)

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Addl.Director of Agriculture(Extn.)

MODALITIES TO INVOLVE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE IN SEED PRODUCTION PROGRAMME

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Seed is the critical input to increase production and productivity of the crops. Maximum thrust is given for higher up-take of quality seeds by the State Government. The State Government as well as Government of India are providing subsidy on sale of certified seeds to the farmers to make the seeds available at affordable price. In order to achieve self-sufficiency in seed production and distribution, a new scheme named "Sub Mission on Seeds and Planting Materials (SMSP)" under National Mission on Agricultural extension & Technology (NMAET) has been launched during 2014-15 by the Govt. of India. Similarly, necessary steps are being taken by the State Government for infrastructure development for higher production of quality seeds through different ongoing schemes.

Our State has become self-sufficient in Paddy seeds production since last few years, still availability of certified paddy seeds of newly released varieties to the farmers is found to be a great challenge for the Government. The production of quality seeds of pulses and oilseeds can be achieved through implementation of different ongoing schemes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oilseeds & Oilpalm (NMOOP), Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY), Sub Mission on Seeds and Planting Materials (SMSP), etc. In our State, Odisha State Seed Corporation Ltd.(OSSC) and Odisha Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. (OAIC) are the nodal agencies for seed production and distribution of the quality seeds. They are also responsible for bringing the allotted breeder seeds for seed multiplication. A reasonable quantity of different seeds is also produced in the Departmental farms under the supervision of the DDA. The quality control measures and certification of the seeds are being done by the OSSOPCA.

The DDA as the Principal Agriculture officer of the District must play a pro-active role in seed production by involving the field functionaries to meet the seed requirement of the district.

The following modalities have been framed for involvement of the DDAs in seed production programme in their districts.

1. The District wise and variety wise seed production programme should be finalized at the State level in consultation with the producing agencies like OSSC and OAIC during the month of April for the succeeding Kharif season and during the month of September for succeeding Rabi season.

2. The final District wise and variety wise seed production programme for a season will be intimated to the Deputy Directors of Agriculture and the producing agencies immediately.

3. The Deputy Director of Agriculture of the concerned district shall supervise all the seed production programmes to be executed in the district and nominate one Group-B Officer of the district as Nodal Officer to look after the seed production programme of the concerned district.

4. A District level Seed Committee will be constituted under the Chairmanship of the concerned DDA consisting of the following members to look after the seed production, procurement, seed certification and distribution :

    i. Deputy Director of Agriculture-Chairman
    ii. Seed Production Officer/Asst.Seed Production Officer
    iii. Seed Certification Officer/Asst.Seed Certification Officer
    iv. District Manager, OAIC
    v. Agronomist of the Range
    vi. District Agriculture Officer
    vii. Farm Management Specialist
    viii. Scientist from KVK
    ix. Nodal Officer for Seed Production- Member Convener.

5. The District level Seed Committee will finalize the seed production programme for the concerned District by 30th April for Kharif crops and 30th September for Rabi crops and thereafter review it on a weekly basis.

6. The programmed quantity of Breeder/Foundation seeds should be supplied by the producing agencies to the production points by 15th June for Kharif crops and 15th October for Rabi crops.