

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT – Notification of Sale Price of Cotton Seed Hybrids for the year 2010-11 – Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (FP.II.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.534

Dated:24/04/2010.

Read the following:

1. From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad,
Lr.No. SRC(4)662/06, dt. 23/4/2010.
2. Orders of the Hon'ble High Court dt. 21/4/2010 in WP No. 9083/2010.
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ORDER :

In the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad has requested the Government to fix and communicate the sale price of cotton seed under Section 11 of A.P. Cotton Seeds (Regulation of Supply, Distribution, Sale and Fixation of Sale Price) Act, 2007, enforceable in the year 2010.

2. Under the powers delegated to the Government under section 11 and Rule 22 of A.P. Cotton Seeds (Regulation of Supply, Distribution, Sale and Fixation of Sale Price) Act 2007, Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture and taking into consideration the production cost, trade margin, trait value and the views and concerns of seed growers and cotton growing farmers, the views of Agricultural University scientists, seed companies and technology provider, fix the sale price of Hybrid Cotton Seed enforceable for the year 2010 through this order.

3. Government has considered the concern of cotton seed growing farmers regarding the increase in labour cost and other input costs and approve the procurement cost payable to seed growers as proposed by the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, in the reference 1st read above, at Rs. 200/- per 450 gms. while fixing the Maximum Sale Price (MSP). The Government of Andhra Pradesh has also considered the increase in the cost of processing, treatment, packing, labeling, providing breeder seed etc. of the seed companies and approve the proposal of Commissioner & Director of Agriculture in the reference 1st read above.2

4. Government as obligated under the Act, has also addressed the trait value component to determine the Maximum Sale Price (MSP) of transgenic cotton seed. In discharge of its obligation, Government has considered several factors viz. (i) the M.R.T.P. Commission order dt. 11/5/2006; (ii) the substantial amounts already received by the technology provider for (3) years on B.G.(II), and (7) years on B.G.(I), and (3) years by other companies of B.T. Technology; (iii) the provisions of the Competition Act which govern the trade, prohibiting the abuse of monopoly and prohibiting discrimination in charging royalty; (iv) the fact that there are no further investments every year by the technology provider; and (v) the orders dt. 21/4/2010 of the Hon'ble High Court in W.P.No.9083/2010. After considering the said aspects, Government have approved the proposal of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture in considering a reasonable trait value / royalty along with other components as detailed in the reference 1st read above.

5. Accordingly, the Government taking the above into consideration fix the Maximum Sale Price (MSP) for transgenic cotton seed and non-Bt cotton seed for the year 2010 as follows :

S.No	Type of Hybrid	Production Technology Used	Unit size In gms	Max.sale Price (MSP) fixed (Rs.)
1	Bt.Cotton hybrid seeds	BG-I	450+120 refugia	650/-
2.	Bt.Cotton hybrid seeds	BG-II	450+120 refugia	750/-
3.	Non Bt hybrids	--	450 gms	500/-

6. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad, is directed to enforce the above Maximum Sale Price (MSP) for the year 2010-11 in the State and ensure the availability of Hybrid Cotton Seeds of all types marketed by all permitted seed companies at the above fixed sale price without any deviation.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**RACHEL CHATTERJEE,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETRY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad.

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