

Establishment & Maintenance of Seed bank

Seed Bank Scheme has been implementing by Seed Division from 1999-2000 with the objective to meet requirement of seeds during natural calamities and unforeseen conditions. Under this component, for maintenance of certified and foundation seeds of identified crops, grants are provided for meeting 50% cost as revolving funds for procurement of seed, maintenance cost and price differential for leftover seeds as non seed are reimbursed. Financial assistance is also provided for development of necessary infrastructure for construction of seed storage as well as setting up of a data bank and information system for facilitating faster flow of information on the availability of seeds.

I. Components covered:-

(i) Revolving Fund:- 50% of the cost of the seed as revolving fund for procurement of seeds.

(ii) Maintenance charges:-

(a)Transportation charges:- On actual basis subject to the maximum limit of Rs. 100 per quintal.

(b)Processing and packaging charges:- On actual expenditure basis subject to maximum limit of Rs. 100 per quintal.

(c)Storage losses:- On actual expenditure basis but not more than 0.25% of the total quantity.

(d)Insurance charges:- Actual basis or 0.5% value of seed whichever is less.

(iii) **Price differential:** - Funds is released to the participating organization on the basis of actual loss incurred by them on this account or 10% of the quantity seeds kept during the year whichever is less.

(iv) **Assistance for construction of Seed godown:-** Maximum assistance would be available for Rs. 25.00 lakh for a godown of 10000/ quintal capacity.

II. Setting up of Data Bank and information system:- NSC will be responsible for creation of centralized facility for data bank and information system on availability of seed stock under the scheme.

III. Implementing agencies covered:- NSC, SFCI, UK &TDC, PSSC, HSDC, UPSDC, ASSC, WBSSC, OSSC, RSSC, MSSC, GSSC, APSSDC, MPS&FDC, KSSC, BRBN and Department of Agriculture Tamil Nadu and Kerala Seed Development Authorit). Besides, on the basis of request made by

Department of Agri., Jharkhand, we have provided financial assistance for construction of seed godowns and for revolving fund in 2009-10 to participate in the scheme.

IV. The implementing agencies are directed to make necessary arrangement for keeping the seeds of suitable crop/ varieties of short and medium duration late sown flood and drought resistant varieties of different crops having adaptability in their state and adjoining states. The crops covered under the scheme are Wheat, Paddy, Maize, Sorghum, Bajra, Gram, Peas, Urd, Moong, Lentil, Arhar, Soyabean, Sunflower, Cotton, Sesamum, Mustard/Toria, Moth, Ground Nut, Ragi, Cowpea, Guar, Castor, Safflower, Bean, Linseed etc.

2. Progress of the scheme.

Physical and Financial Progress:-The targets and achievement made during last five years from 2007-08 to 2011-12 which includes foundation, certified and certified seeds for North Eastern states maintained by various implementing agencies are as under:-

Qty in Lakh Qtls and Amount in Crores

S.NO.	Years	Physical Progress		Amount released
		Target	Achievements	
1.	2007-08	1.69	1.47	5.63
2.	2008-09	1.85	1.60	4.52
3.	2009-10	2.02	1.66	4.45
4.	2010-11	2.50	1.76	6.73
5.	2011-12	2.97	2.30	5.94
6.	2012-13	3.33	2.52(Ant.)	4.50(likely)

Targets of Seed Bank for 2012-13:-

In order to maintain the qty of various categories of seed targets were allocated to maintain the seeds by implementing agencies during 2012-13 i.e. Kharif & Rabi is **enclosed**.

