

AGC02-12027(31)/23/2018
Date: -7-2018.

O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture
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 Sri Lakshmi venkateswara swamy Fertilizers , Adoni –produced by M/s Sri Sathya Agri Biotech Pvt. Ltd Hyderabad-Marketed by M/s Pro Seeds Genetic Pvt.Ltd , Hyderabad- DNA lab Analytical report shows Positive to Herbicide tolerant (HT) – Show cause notices issued to M/s Sri Sathya Agri Biotech Pvt. Ltd & Marketer M/s Pro Seeds Genetic Pvt.Ltd , Hyderabad- 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 1st cited while enclosing the reference 2nd the Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool has informed that MAO, Adoni has inspected the premises of M/s Sri Lakshmi venkateswara swamy Fertilizers, Adoni on 26-05-2018 and conducted a preliminary HT Cotton Strip test on Bt Cotton Hybrid 54SS33 bearing lot no. 30330731 and found positive for Herbicide Tolerant trait i.e CP4 EPSPS gene. Further the MAO, Adoni has drawn the positive sample from the stock of Hybrid 54SS33 with Lot No. 30330731 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 Sri Sathya Agri Biotech Pvt. Ltd Hyderabad with lot no. 30330731 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 3rd cited it is reported that seed sample produced by M/s Sri Sathya Agri Biotech Pvt. Ltd Hyderabad & Marketed by M/s Pro Seeds Genetic Pvt.Ltd , Hyderabad 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 Sri Sathya Agri Biotech Pvt. Ltd Hyderabad & Marketed by M/s Pro Seeds Genetic Pvt.Ltd , Hyderabad 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 Sri Sathya Agri Biotech Pvt. Ltd Hyderabad having CSL No RRD/15/ADDL.DA/CSL/2014/223 and the Marketer M/s Marketed by M/s Pro Seeds Genetic Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad having CSL PKM/50/ADDL.DA/CSL/2015/1424 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 report.

**Licensing Authority and
Additional Director of Agriculture (Seeds)
O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture,
AP, Guntur.**

To

M/s. Sri Sathya Agri Biotech Pvt. Ltd, 2-7-1/A, 4th Floor, Part-A, Sri Satyasadan Complex, Stambalagaruvu, Guntur.

M/s Pro Seeds Genetic Pvt. Ltd, D.No.16-6-61, New 24th Ward, Gurravaripalem Road, Kandukur, Prakasam district.

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