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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
(Department of Agriculture & Cooperation)

B-116, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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To

**The Assistant Director General (Seeds),
Indian Council of Agriculture Research,
Krishi Bhawan
New Delhi-110 001.**

Sub: 100% labeling of Seeds and Package of Practices for Cultivation of variety.

Sir,

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has decided that Public Sector Seed Corporations including NSC&FCI shall disclose the variety wise expected performance alongwith package of practices for cultivation of variety in seed packets and labels from Rabi 2013-14.

2. You are, therefore, requested to inform to all breeders/ sponsoring institutions to cover following information in the package of practices for cultivation of the variety and incorporate the same in the proposals for release and notification of varieties:

- (a) Suitability of variety for the area;
- (b) Selection of field/land preparation;
- (c) Seed treatment;
- (d) Sowing time;
- (e) Seed rate/sowing method-line sowing with Row to Row & Plant to Plant distance;
- (f) Fertilizer doses;
- (g) Weed control;
- (h) Disease & Pest Control;
- (i) Irrigation;
- (j) Harvesting;
- (h) Quality characteristics of the variety, if any

3. Henceforth, in all the proposals for released/notification of varieties the package of practices for cultivation of variety should invariably be included. Without package of practices for cultivation of variety the proposal for notification and release of varieties should not be considered.

Yours faithfully

