

## PREFACE

Seed is the basic agricultural input. Its quality is extremely important, as in the absence of seeds of assured quality, the expenditure of the farmers on the other inputs may be of little use. As a matter of fact, his entire economy would be affected as a result of application of substandard seeds.

It was in this context, Government of India took a number of steps including Seeds Legislation. In 1966 the Seeds Act was enacted by the Parliament. Rules under this Act were issued, later on seed was declared an Essential Commodity under the Essential Commodities Act. Seeds (Control) Order was issued on December, 1983.

It is necessary that all the above information is available at one place, so that those who are connected with production, distribution, seed law enforcements etc. can get all the guidance at one place. I hope that this booklet will meet the longfelt requirements of the seed sector and will be useful to all concerned.

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