

SEED ACT AND RULES

The Seeds Act was enacted by the Parliament on 29 December 1966. The Seeds Rules were notified in 1968. The Act came into force throughout the country on 2nd October 1969. Seed was declared as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act (1955). After 1969, the functions of the Central Seed Committee and its constituents, viz. The Central Sub-committee on Crop Standard, Notification and release of Varieties and also State Sub-committees established under the provisions of the Seeds Act. As per the need, amendments in the Seeds Act and Rules were made from time to time and Seed Control Order is introduced in the country in 1983. Notification of kinds or varieties, as provided for in the Seeds Act, was started in 1969.

The seed industry is also covered by a large number of legal provisions, viz. Packaging Commodities Order, 1975; Standards of weights and measurements Act, 1976, Consumer Protection Act, 1986 etc. To meet the emergent national and global needs, seed policy and seed law have been recently improvised. The new Seed Policy is already approved and the new Seed Law have been recently improvised. The new Seed Policy is already approved and the new Seed Law, the Seeds Bill, has been drafted and put up for approval.