

GUIDELINES FOR VEGETABLE SEED PRODUCTION IN DEPARTMENTAL FARMS DURING 2011-12

1. Quality seed is the basic and critical input for achieving the desired vegetable production. The availability of quality seeds in time at affordable price enables vegetable growers to grow their crop during the ideal time. The disease-free, healthy seed produce uniform, healthy and vigorous seedlings leading to higher yield. Hence, availability of seeds with highest levels of physiological and genetical purity assumes paramount significance for achieving desirable results.
2. Vegetable seed production programme will be taken up in departmental farms as per the proposal given by the Dy Director of Horticulture during their review during August & September'2011 and the same has been communicated vide this office letter no 2/360 dt. 24.09.2011.
3. Due care should be taken up for timely collection of Breeder Seeds / Foundation Seeds, land preparation, seed sowing / nursery raising, transplanting, irrigation, plant protection measures, weeding, harvesting, seed collection and other operations.
4. The cultivation expenses may be met out of revolving fund available with the DDO. However, this will be reimbursed out of NHM seed production programme / vegetable initiative for suburban areas.
5. The Breeder Seeds / Foundation Seeds are to be procured from OUAT / NSC / any other Government institution. There is provision of 50% subsidy on Breeder Seeds procured from ICAR / SAUs.
6. Utmost care should be taken to make the programme a success and production of vegetable seeds to the optimum level.
7. The seeds should be collected at harvest maturity and due procedure of collection, extraction, drying and storage should be followed.
8. The plant population should be kept optimum in the field to get desired yield. There should not be any gap between the programmed area physical used area.
9. The DDO, JHO and farm in-charge will remain responsible for the success of the programme.
10. One JHO should be entrusted to record all the activities of the programme.
11. Dy Director of Horticulture of the range should keep liaison with the production programme.
12. Liaison must be kept with OUAT, RRTTS / KVKs for out sourcing advanced technology.
13. Advance plan programme to be prepared for timely execution of operations.