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**Reply submitted to RTI queries by Sh Sakamuri**

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With reference to the RTI application of Sh Sakamuri, the replies submitted are given below:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Information Sought</b>	<b>Reply</b>
<b>1</b>	What is the ICAR?	The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is an autonomous organization under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Formerly known as Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, it was established on 16 July 1929 as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 in pursuance of the report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture. The ICAR has its headquarters at New Delhi. The Council is the apex body for coordinating, guiding and managing research and education in agriculture including horticulture, fisheries and animal sciences in the entire country. It is one of the largest national agricultural systems in the world.
<b>2</b>	What is the ICAR-AICRP on Cotton?	The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched the All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project (AICCIP) in the year 1967 (Renamed to All India Coordinated Research Project on Cotton - AICRP on Cotton) with its Headquarters at Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) to give new thrust and direction in terms of multi-disciplinary and multi-centre approaches with the active involvement of State Agricultural Universities across cotton growing states. The AICRP on cotton operates with the following mandate: To develop cultivars and hybrids best suited for different agro-climatic zones of India. • To develop viable and economical area-based agro-techniques for realizing maximum yields / • profits from improved cultivars for both irrigated and rainfed conditions including management of abiotic stresses. To develop economic and effective pest and disease

		management practices under different• agro-biological conditions.
<b>3</b>	What is the role of the ICAR on the sale of varieties/hybrids of any crop?	ICAR through its constituent Institutions identify high yielding varieties and hybrids of crop plants after testing for value for cultivation and usage under AICRP system. The identified varieties/hybrids are notified for the public by the Central Sub-Committee on Crop Standards Notification & Release of Varieties for Agricultural Crops and Horticultural Crops. The seeds of varieties thus notified will be produced by the public and private Institutions and offer for sale to farmers through direct or seed dealers.
<b>4</b>	What is the role of the ICAR on the sale of varieties/hybrids of any Genetically Modified crop with respect to the Seeds Control Order, 1983?	ICAR has no role in the sale of varieties/ hybrids of genetically modified cotton crop
<b>5</b>	What is the role of the ICAR on the sale of Bt cotton varieties/hybrids of an approved event MON15985 (stacked with Cry1Ac & Cry2Ab genes) with respect to the Seeds Control Order, 1983?	ICAR has no role in the sale of varieties/ hybrids of genetically modified cotton crop
<b>6</b>	What is the role of the ICAR-AICRP on the sale of varieties/hybrids of any crop with respect to the Seeds Control Order, 1983?	ICAR-AICRP on cotton has no role on the sale of varieties/hybrids of cotton
<b>7</b>	What is the role of the ICAR-AICRP on the sale of varieties/hybrids of any Genetically Modified crop with respect to the Seeds Control Order, 1983?	ICAR-AICRP on cotton has no role on the sale of varieties/hybrids of cotton
<b>8</b>	What is the role of the ICAR-AICRP on Cotton on the sale of Bt cotton varieties/hybrids of an approved event MON15985 (stacked with Cry1Ac &	ICAR-AICRP has no role on the sale of Bt. cotton varieties/hybrids of an approved event MON15985

	Cry2Ab genes) with respect to the Seeds Control Order, 1983?	
<b>9</b>	What is the role of the Central Seed Committee and the Central Sub Committee with respect to sale of any variety/hybrid of any crop under the Seeds Control Order, 1983?	It is not related to ICAR-AICRP on cotton, it is related to DAC &FW – seeds division
<b>10</b>	What is the role of the Central Seed Committee and the Central Sub Committee on sale of any variety/hybrid of any crop with respect to the Seeds Control Order, 1983?	It is not related to ICAR-AICRP on cotton, it is related to DAC &FW – seeds division
<b>11</b>	To whom it is mandatory to get the notified of his variety/hybrid of any crop under the Seeds Control Order, 1983?	It is not related to ICAR-AICRP on cotton, it is related to DAC &FW – seeds division
<b>12</b>	To whom it is mandatory to get the identified of his variety/hybrid of any crop under the Seeds Control Order, 1983?	The varieties/hybrids tested under AICRP system needs to be identified and subsequently notified for commercial cultivation by farmers using certified class of seeds
<b>13</b>	To whom it is mandatory to get the released of his variety/hybrid of any crop under the Seeds Control Order, 1983?	The public Institute/private institution, which breed variety/hybrid of any crop with an intension to market the seeds of that variety/hybrid with certification tag offered by state seed certification agency, get released of his variety/hybrid under SCO.

**This is issued with the approval of the Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur.**