



ABSTRACT

Agriculture – Formation of Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency (TANSEDA) - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP2) DEPARTMENT

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2046 பங்குனி 27

G.O.(Ms).No.94

Dated: 10.04.2015

Read:

1. Government Letter No.19806/AP2/2014-1, Agriculture (AP2) Department, dated 8.8.2014.
2. From the Director of Agriculture Letter No.Seeds5 / 76433/2014, dated 17.12.2014.

ORDER:

Under Rule 110 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has made the following announcement among others, in the floor of the assembly on 7.8.2014:-

“தமிழக விவசாயிகள் சான்று பெற்ற விதைகளை அதிகளவில் உபயோகிப்பதை ஊக்குவிக்கும் வகையில், அரசு விதைப் பண்ணைகள், விதை உற்பத்தி செய்யும் நிலையங்கள் மற்றும் விவசாயிகள் ஆகியோரை ஒருங்கிணைத்து, உரிய பணியாளர்களை நியமித்து, 156 கோடி ரூபாய் 74 லட்சம் ரூபாய் செலவில் தமிழ்நாடு மாநில விதை மேம்பாட்டு முகமை ஒன்று ஏற்படுத்தப்படும் என்பதைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன். இங்கு உற்பத்தி செய்யப்படும் தரமான, சான்று பெற்ற விதைகள் “அம்மா SEEDS” என்ற பெயரில் “அம்மா சேவை” மூலம் விற்பனை வாய்க்கும் மூலம் நியாயமான விலையில் விவசாயிகளுக்கு வழங்கப்படும்.

2. Based on the above announcement, the Director of Agriculture has sent proposal for formation of Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency (TANSEDA). In his proposal, he has informed that seed is the basic and most critical input for sustainable agriculture. The response of all other inputs depends on quality of seeds to a large extent. The Department of Agriculture has proposed to increase the Seed Replacement Ratio (SRR) from existing 17% to 33% in paddy, 22% to 33% in pulses and 6% to 12% in oilseeds. The total certified seed production which was 43216 Metric Tonnes in 2001-2002 increased to 84775 Metric Tonnes in 2013-2014. This clearly shows that the need for quality seed has increased manifold. High share of Public / Government sector in seed supply is necessary to guard the interest of the

marginal and resource poor farmers so that they can get quality seeds at reasonable price. The State has a well defined institutional frame work for seed production to ensure timely availability of seed. Hence, as announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister, to coordinate and integrate all seed related activities under one roof, and to have holistic and sustainable development in seed sector, the Director of Agriculture has sent proposals to constitute an agency viz. "Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency" empowered with financial and administrative powers for efficient seed production and distribution in a time bound manner.

3. The Director of Agriculture has also informed that the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency will be registered as a Society under The Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 which will be governed by the Governing Council consisting of officials and the bye laws. The Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency may function at Chennai as headquarters in the Office of the Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Chennai-5. The Director of Agriculture has also proposed organisational set up for Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency by society staff at Headquarters, Districts level, Block level and administrative level. Further, the existing Receipt head may be followed during 2014-2015 and from 2015-2016, the receipt from sale of seeds and seedlings may be credited to Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency receipt head. Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency may utilize the existing infrastructure of the Department of Agriculture consisting of 41 State Seed Farms, 81 Seed Processing Units, 22 State Coconut Nursery and Crossing centres, 16 crossing centres, Seed Multiplication Scheme Paddy, Millets, Pulses, Oilseeds and Cotton and 880 Agricultural Extension Centres. The budget and price policy proposed by him for Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency are as follows:-

Budget .

- a) The Government may authorize Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency to draw the full amount budgeted for paying for seed procurement, maintenance of machinery in seed farms, seed processing units and payment of wages. This amount will be one time drawal from the budget.
- b) The receipt head for depositing the money realised from sale of seed may be discontinued and the sale proceed may be deposited to the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency. By this, the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency shall be able to maintain the revolving fund for payment of seeds.
- c) The annual allocation for seed payment in the relevant head of accounts is Rs.14600.64 lakhs. It is sufficient that only 50% (i.e.) Rs.7300.32 lakhs (rounded to Rs.75.00 Crores) of it can be given as revolving fund. Apart from this, a corpus fund of Rs.10.00 Crores may also be allocated.
- d) A separate single debit head may be created for drawal of the fund of Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency for settling all seed related bills at block level after ensuring its genuineness at District level by operating a Bank account.
- e) The funds with Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency will be redistributed to District Joint Directors of Agriculture based on their requirement from 2015-2016 onwards.
- f) During 2014-2015, Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency may be permitted to continue with the existing budget operation procedures, in view of difficulties in switching over to new procedure.

Price Policy

- I. PROCUREMENT: Paddy, Millets, Pulses, Oilseeds, Cotton and Coconut - Existing Price Policy will be followed during 2014-2015.
- II. SALE PRICE: Paddy, Pulses, Oilseeds, Cotton and Coconut - Existing Price policy will be followed during 2014-2015.

4. The Director of Agriculture has therefore requested the Government to issue suitable orders for establishing the "Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency" (TANSEDA), so as to distribute quality seeds and planting materials at required time through existing input outlets in the existing Agricultural Extension Centres by coordinating all activities related to Seed Multiplication Scheme, State Seed Farms and Seed Processing Units along with positioning of existing staff at a financial outlay of Rs 85.00 crores.

5. After careful examination of the above proposal of the Director of Agriculture, the Government accord sanction for the creation of "Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency" (TANSEDA) and sanction a sum of Rs.25.00 Crore (Rupees twenty five crore only) during 2015-2016, so as to ensure the timely availability and to encourage the use of certified seeds by the farmers by coordinating all the activities related to seed. The Director of Agriculture / Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency is requested to make necessary arrangements for allocation of additional funds, if the deficit of the Agency exceeds Rs.25.00 crore and in case of expenditure is less than Rs.25.00 crore, he shall carry over the saving to the next financial year.

6. The Government further direct that-

- i. the mandate of the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency shall be as at Annexure-I appended to this order;
- ii. the composition of the Governing Council shall be as at Annexure-II appended to this order;
- iii. no new posts shall be created for the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency and the name of the existing posts shall be renamed and utilized for the said Agency. The organisational set up of Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency at Head Quarters, District and Block level and the details of offices from which these posts are redeployed shall be as at Annexure-III appended to this order;
- iv. the bye-laws of the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency shall be as at Annexure-IV appended to this order;
- v. 41 State Seed Farms, 81 Seed Processing Units, 22 State Coconut Nurseries, 16 Coconut Crossing Centres (Seed Multiplication Scheme - Paddy, Miller, Pulses, Oilseeds and Cotton) and 880 Agricultural Extension Centres shall function under the control of the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency and the said Agency shall utilize the existing infrastructure of State Seed Farms, Seed Processing Units, State Coconut Nurseries, Coconut Crossing Centres and Agricultural Extension Centres of the Department of Agriculture ;
- vi. the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency shall be registered as a Society under The Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 and the

- headquarters of Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency shall be at Chennai and shall function at Directorate of Agriculture, Chepauk, Chennai- 600 005.
- vii. no separate office infrastructure including vehicles shall be created for Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency;
 - viii. the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency's accounts shall be audited by the Director of Local Fund Audit, Chennai;
 - ix. the existing Receipt head shall be followed during 2014-2015 and from 2015-2016, the receipt from sale of seeds and seedlings shall be credited to Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency receipt head;
 - x. the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency shall be governed by the Governing Council as per the bye laws;
 - xi. the Governing Council meeting shall be convened quarterly and in case of emergency, the meeting shall be convened accordingly;
 - xii. the Governing Council, the apex body, shall decide the varieties, quantity, staff pattern, staff positioning, mode of appointment, hierarchy, infrastructure, seed price policy, purchase of inputs, machineries, equipments, vehicles and other seed related items, etc., for efficient functioning of the said Agency; and
 - xiii. the existing procurement and sale price policy shall be followed during 2014-2015 for paddy, millets, pulses, oilseeds, cotton and coconut. From 2015-2016, the price policy approved by the Governing Council shall be followed;

7. The amount sanctioned in paragraph 5 above shall be debited to the following new head of account:-

2401-00- Crop Husbandary – 103 – Seeds – II – State Plan – Schemes in the Twelfth five year plan – KW – Tamil Nadu Seed Development Agency 09 – Grants in aid – 03- Grand for specific schemes (DPC – 2401-00-103-KW-0938)

8. The expenditure sanctioned in paragraph 5 above shall constitute as an item of "New Service" and the approval of the Legislature shall be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure shall be initially met by an advance from the Contingency Fund and orders in this regard shall be issued by Finance (BG-1) Department in separately. The Director of Agriculture is directed to send an application in the prescribed form along with the copy of this order to the Finance (BG-1) Department for sanctioning the advance required for the current financial year. The Director of Agriculture is also directed to send necessary explanatory notes for inclusion of this expenditure in the supplementary estimates 2015-16 to Finance (BG-I) Department so as to obtain the approval of the Legislature at the appropriate stage.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.20005/Agri/2015, dated 10.04.2015 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.21 (Twenty one)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

RAJESH LAKHONI,
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER
AND SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Director of Agriculture, Chennai-5

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The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennai-5.
The Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Chennai-32.
The Director of Seed Certification and Organic Certification, Coimbatore-13.
The Director of Sugar, Chennai-35.
The Chief Engineer (AE) (i/c), Agricultural Engineering Department, Nandanam, Chennai-35.
The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-3.
The Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency, Chennai-32.
The Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Chennai-9.
The Secretary to Government, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, Chennai-9.
The Additional Director of Agriculture (Seeds), O/o. the Director of Agriculture, Chennai-5.
The Director, Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-3.
The Special Officer (Seed Unit), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-3.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E / G&SSA / E&RSA / AAD), Chennai-18. (By Name)
The Pay and Accounts Officer (East/South), Chennai-8/35 (By Name).
The Resident Audit Officer, O/o. the Principal Accountant General (SSA), Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

Copy to:-

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Chennai-9.
The Special Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister for Housing, Urban Development and Agriculture, Chennai-9.
The Finance (Agri/BG-I/BG-II) Department, Chennai-9.
The Special Programme Implementation Department, Chennai-9.
The Principal Private Secretary to Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Chennai-9.
All sections in Agriculture Department, Chennai-9.
The connected file (Current No.19806/AP2/2014).
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SECTION OFFICER.

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Annexure-I

(G.O.(MS).No.94 Agriculture (AP2) Department, dated 10.04.2015.)

MANDATE OF THE TAMIL NADU STATE SEED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

1. To undertake the production of Foundation and Certified seeds of all notified crop varieties as per The Seeds Act, 1966 and distribute the same to farmers besides supplying coconut seedlings.
2. To integrate all seed related infrastructures existing in the Department under Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency for effective utilization to get increased quality of seed production.
3. To procure, process, test, certify, store and distribute seeds of various crop varieties to farmers as per the requirement under various schemes formulated by the State Government or Government of India.
4. To undertake and promote new varieties, research findings in seed production, processing, preserving and storage techniques in particular, in collaboration with Indian Council for Agricultural Research, Agricultural Universities and National Seeds Corporation Limited and other allied institutions.
5. To process quality seeds on scientific and commercial lines.
6. To ensure timely repairs / replacement of farm machinery, equipments, irrigation infrastructure, various machineries / equipments in Seed Processing Unit.
7. To be vested with powers to procure new machineries, equipments, gunnies and various inputs required for smooth running of State Seed Farms and Seed Processing Units.
8. To procure the Certified Seeds from Seed Farm Growers and to undertake the distribution of seeds to farmers at reasonable price as per the Price Policy in vogue.
9. To settle the seed / seed nut procurement bills in time to the Seed Farm Growers through creation of Corpus Fund by dovetailing budgetary provisions made under various heads of account, without any quarterly restriction of budget.
10. To dispose off the unsold seeds which could not be distributed within the validity period due to vagaries of monsoon as per norms.

RAJESH LAKHONI,
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER
AND SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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Annexure-II

(G.O.(Ms).No.94, Agriculture (AP2) Department, dated 10.04.2015.)

**GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE
TAMIL NADU STATE SEED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

1.	Agriculture Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department	Chairman
2.	Director of Agriculture	Member
3.	Director of Horticulture and Plantation crops	Member
4.	Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business	Member
5.	Director of Seed Certification and Organic Certification	Member
6.	Chief Engineer (AE), Agricultural Engineering Department	Member
7.	Additional Director of Agriculture (Seeds) / Chief General Manager (Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency)	Member Convener
8.	Director, Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore	Member
9.	Special Officer (Seed Unit), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore	Member
10.	A representative from Finance Department	Member
11.	A representative from Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department	Member

RAJESH LAKHONI,
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER
AND SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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Annexure-III
(G.O.(Ms).No.94, Agriculture (AP2) Department, dated 10.04.2015.)

STAFF PATTERN OF THE
TAMIL NADU STATE SEED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

AT HEADQUARTERS:-

S. No.	Name of the Existing Post	Name of the Post in Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency	Department in which the post is existing	No. of posts
I	Technical Wing:			
	Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government	Chairman	Agriculture	1
	Director of Agriculture	Vice Chairman and Managing Director	Agriculture	1
a	Additional Director of Agriculture (Seeds)	Chief General Manager	Agriculture	1
b	Executive Engineer (SPU)	Executive Engineer (SPU)	Agricultural Engineering	1
c	Assistant Director of Agriculture (Seeds)	Assistant Director of Agriculture (Seeds)	Agriculture	1
d	Assistant Director of Agriculture (NWDPR) (Deputation)	Assistant Director of Agriculture (TANSEDA)	Agriculture (TAWDEVA)	1
e	Agricultural Officer (Seeds)	Agricultural Officer (SSF-I)	Agriculture	1
f	Agricultural Officer (Deputation)	Agricultural Officer (SSF-II)	Agriculture	1
g	Agricultural Officer (Millet)	Agricultural Officer (Seed plan)	Agriculture	1
h	Agricultural Officer (Oilseeds)	Agricultural Officer (Seed procurement)	Agriculture	1

II	Administrative Wing:			
a	Superintendent	Superintendent	Agriculture	1
b	Assistant	Assistant	Agriculture	4
c	Junior Assistant	Junior Assistant	Agriculture	1

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d	Typist	Typist	Agriculture	1
e	Steno Typist	Steno Typist	Agriculture	1
f	Office Assistant	Office Assistant	Agriculture	1
g	Driver	Driver	Agriculture	1

AT DISTRICT AND BLOCK LEVEL:-

The existing staff at District and Block level will carry out seed production and distribution activities. The Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency will facilitate timely payment for seed procurement.

The staff will continue to get the pay and allowances from the existing Government Head of Accounts.

RAJESH LAKHONI,
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER
AND SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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Annexure-IV(G.O.(Ms).No.94, Agriculture (AP2) Department, dated 10.04.2015.)**BYE-LAWS OF THE TAMIL NADU STATE SEED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY****MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF TAMILNADU STATE SEED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TANSEDA)**

1. Name of the Society : TAMILNADU STATE SEED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TANSEDA)
2. Registered office of the society : Presently at the Office of the Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Chennai-5
3. Area of operation of the society : The area of operation of the Society is entire area in the State of Tamil Nadu

4. OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY - MAIN AND ANCILLARY

To emerge as an industry leader in the State, in seed line of activity, with a continuous pursuance of excellence in quality and effective distribution service, with an eye on right product, right price, right place of supply. The Agency will operate the programme by and through Government Department, Government sponsored agencies, Societies, Co-operative Societies, Non-Governmental agencies, Community organizations, contract farmers, farming corporate, concerned trusts and organizations.

a. Main objects to be pursued by the company on its incorporation:-

1. To undertake the production of the Foundation and Certified seeds of all crop varieties under the purview of The Seeds Act, 1966 and quality seeds of crop varieties covered by The Seeds Act, 1966 and market them.
2. To finance production, procure dry process, test, store and distribute seeds of various crop varieties to farmers on a basis that will subserve production schemes formulated by the State Government or Government of India.
3. To undertake and promote research findings in seed production, processing, preserving and storage techniques in particular, in collaboration with Indian Council for Agricultural Research, Agricultural Universities and National Seeds Corporation Limited and other allied institutions.
4. To disposes off seeds which could not be distributed after the validity period and non seeds and any other material acquired by the Agency as per norms.
5. To promote the seed industry in a way that will improve the agricultural economy of the farmer.
6. To process quality seeds on scientific and commercial lines.
7. To manage and operate processing plants and seeds storage facilities.

8. To undertake the distribution of seeds to farmers at reasonable prices and in sufficient quantities to support agricultural production programmes.
- b. Objects Incidental or Ancillary to the main objects.
 1. To assist the Department of Agriculture in accelerating the popularizing of High Yielding varieties for promoting increased agricultural production.
 2. To carry on business as seed merchants, to produce, buy, sell, prepare for market and deal in seeds of all kinds.
 3. To enter into any arrangements with the Government of Tamil Nadu or Government of India or any other authority local, or otherwise, statutory or corporate or person or persons that may seem conducive to any or all the objects of the Agency or to obtain from them any rights, licenses, loans, grants and concessions which the Agency may think desirable and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
 4. To carry on all or any of the business usually carried on by seed companies in all their several branches and in particular to lay out, improve, after and develop and land or property and thereon to erect, construct, after or rebuild any buildings or works whatsoever.
 5. To carryout farm machinery operations at State Seed Farms. Farm machinery such as tractor, power tiller etc., drivers may be hired on temporary basis. The farm machinery repairs to be carried out as and when required.
 6. To pay for any properties, rights, privileges, acquired by the Agency (either in shares of the Agency or partly in shares and partly in cash or otherwise)
 - a. To enter into contract with individuals, co-operative societies, corporation and Government agencies in the growing, processing drying storing, distributing transporting, buying and selling of seeds.
 7. To undertake by inspections, and by other means, seed quality control measures in all phases of the seed business carried on by on behalf of or in co-operation with any other Agency.
 8. To establish branches, depots, sale points, show rooms in order to promote seed business in consonance with the main objectives of the Corporation.
 9. To own and operate seed testing laboratories.
 10. To carry on the business of consulting and management services for individuals, co-operative societies, corporations, Government Agency or others who are engaged in any phases of the seed business.
 11. To arrange for training in seed production, processing, testing, stocking and allied activities for development of the seed industry.
 12. To take measures necessary to educate and motivate the seed growing farmers from the traditional seed production methods to modern seed production technology and acting as an important link between the scientist and the farmer.

13. To support by financial grants or loans for seed, fertilizers, other inputs and plant protection measures, loan of equipment and farm machinery, transport facilities, technical advice and consulting services and by other means of activities leading to production of quality seeds.
14. To take up consultancy and management service to individuals, co-operatives, corporations, Government agencies and others engaged in any phase of quality seed production. To organize supplies of inputs and maintenance of spare parts, facilities to participant growers in the project.
15. To publicise quality seeds by booklets, leaflets, posters, exhibits, medias like radio, television films, newspapers, journals, magazines and by any other means of communication.
16. To seek grants-in-aid from the State Government and Government of India or any other company or agency to meet losses on account of risks involved in seed trade and also towards expenditure on seed storage, seed transport, interest on investments and similar items.
17. To train or to pay for training in India or abroad for any members of staff of the company or any other, employee of the company either in the present or likely to be in the employment of the company in future or any others, which training in the opinion of the company is likely to benefit the company in its working, knowledge, management and administration including research either in the field, in the laboratories and to undertake training and research activities for this purpose.
18. To secure necessary foreign collaborations, assistance, technical know-how and the like for the establishment, growth and development of seed industry.
19. To establish research and development facilities for promoting technological innovations and their economic application in seed industry.
20. To engage in market intelligence, seed demand forecasting, research in marketing, packing and allied development activities for promotion of seed industry.
21. To conduct conferences, seminars pertaining to High Yielding varieties and seed industry.
22. Generally do all such things as may appear to be incidental or conducive to the attaining of the main objects of the Agency.
23. To support by financial grants, purchase of equipment and vehicles and by training programmes, consulting services and other means of development and operation of State and Central agencies for seed certification and seed law enforcement programmes, dealing with quality control measures for seeds.
24. To apply for, tender, purchase or otherwise, acquire any contracts, licenses and concessions for or in relation to the objects or business herein mentioned or any of them and to undertake, execute carry out dispose of or otherwise turn to account the same.

5. THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council of the Society shall comprise the following eleven (11) full members of the Society. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman will preside over the meeting.

1.	The Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government. Agriculture Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.	Chairman
2.	The Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Chennai -5.	Vice-Chairman and Managing Director / Member - Secretary
3.	The Director of Seed Certification and Organic Certification, Coimbatore -3.	Member
4.	The Additional Director of Agriculture (Seeds), Chepauk, Chennai -5.	Chief General Manager and Member - Convener
5.	The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chepauk, Chennai -5.	Member
6.	The Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Guindy, Chennai-32.	Member
7.	The Chief Engineer (AE), Agricultural Engineering Department, Nandanam, Chennai-35.	Member
8.	The Special Officer (Seed Unit), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-3.	Member
9.	The Director, Centre for Plant Breeding Genetics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-3.	Member
10.	A representative from Finance Department	Member
11.	A representative from Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department	Member

6. FORMATION OF THE SOCIETY

We, the undersigned, are desirous of forming a Society, namely, Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency (TANSEDA) under The Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 in pursuance of the Memorandum of Association of the Society.

S. No	Name & Address	Occupation	Signature
1.	Thiru. Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government. Agriculture Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.	Government Service	
2.	Thiru. Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Chennai -5.	Government Service	
3.	Thiru. Director of Seed Certification and Organic	Government Service	

	Certification, Coimbatore -13.		
4.	Thiru. Additional Director of Agriculture (Seeds), Chepauk, Chennai -5.	Government Service	
5.	Thiru. Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chepauk, Chennai -5.	Government Service	
6.	Thiru. Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Guindy, Chennai-32.	Government Service	
7.	Thiru. Chief Engineer (AE), Agricultural Engineering Department, Nandanam, Chennai-35.	Government Service	
8.	Thiru. Special Officer (Seed Unit), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-3.	Government Service	
9.	Thiru. Director, Centre for Plant Breeding Genetics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-3.	Government Service	
10.	Thiru. Finance Department Representative, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.	Government Service	
11.	Thiru. Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department Representative, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.	Government Service	

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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TAMILNADU STATE SEED DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (TANSEDA)

1. TITLE:

These Rules and Regulations shall be called the Rules and Regulations of the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency (TANSEDA).

2. DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE SOCIETY: 1.1.2015

3. STATUS OF THE SOCIETY

The Society shall be a juristic person, shall have perpetual succession and can sue or be sued in its own name through its Member-Secretary.

4. AUTHORITY TO CORRESPOND

The Member-Secretary of the society shall be the authority to correspond on behalf of the Society.

5. DEFINITIONS

Hereinafter, the following expressions shall have the meanings indicated below:

- a. "Area" means the Area of Operation of the Society (throughout Tamil Nadu).
- b. "Co-opted Member" means a member co-opted to the Governing Council under Rule 24(1) and 24(2)
- c. "Governing Council" means the Governing Council of the Society to whom, by Rules and Regulations of the Society, the management of its affairs is entrusted.
- d. "Member" means a person who, having been admitted as Full Member of the Society shall not have resigned or shall not otherwise have been removed from membership by the Society.
- e. "Person" carries the same definition as contained in section 3 (42) of the General Clauses Act. It means and includes any company or association or body of individuals, whether incorporated or not.
- f. "Managing Director" means an individual person appointed by the Governing Council as the Society's Managing Director and he shall be Member-Secretary.
- g. "Registrar" means the Registrar of Societies (North) within whose jurisdiction the Society is registered. The term means and includes any Officer of the Government of Tamil Nadu authorized to exercise the powers of the Registrar.
- h. "Society" or "Agency" may be used interchangeably and means the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency (TANSEDA) and
- i. "Year" means and includes the twelve months comprised in the period from April to March of the relevant fiscal year.

6. BUSINESS HOURS OF THE SOCIETY

The Business hours of the society shall be from 10.00 hours to 17.45 hours on every weekday excluding Saturday and Sunday.

7. AUTHORITIES OF THE SOCIETY

The authorities of the Society shall be the Governing Council

8. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

The following persons shall be Full Members of the Society:-

1.	The Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.	Chairman
2.	The Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Chennai -5.	Vice-Chairman & Managing Director
3.	The Director of Seed Certification and Organic Certification, Coimbatore -13.	Member
4.	The Additional Director of Agriculture (Seeds), Chepauk, Chennai -5.	Chief General Manager and Member - Convener
5.	The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chepauk, Chennai -5.	Member
6.	The Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Guindy, Chennai-32.	Member
7.	The Chief Engineer (AE), Agricultural Engineering Department, Nandanam, Chennai-35.	Member
8.	The Special Officer (Seed Unit), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-3.	Member
9.	The Director, Centre for Plant Breeding Genetics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-3.	Member
10.	A representative from Finance Department	Member
11.	A representative from Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department	Member

- Government of Tamil Nadu may nominate, in addition to the Official Members stated above, according to its discretion, officials, eminent persons and technical experts as Full Members of the Agency.
- No applicant, whether individual or institutional, can claim membership of the Agency as a matter of right.
- Membership of an applicant shall begin only with the acceptance of his or her application by a resolution of Governing Council.
- The Society's membership shall comprise of Full Members, each of whom shall have equal voting rights at the Governing Council and Co-opted Members who

may attend Governing Council as Observers and Advisers but who shall have no voting rights.

- e. No admission fee shall be payable as a condition for membership.

9. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Society shall at the times maintain and keep available for inspection by the Registrar, a Register of Members which shall be the permanent record of the Society and shall contain the following particulars:-

- a. Name and address of its members;
- b. Resolutions of the Governing Council by which membership was conferred upon them;
- c. Date of commencement and termination of membership, as the case may be;

10. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership is not transferable and can be terminated by resignation,
- b. Provided that the Government of Tamil Nadu may at its discretion, remove a Full Member of the Agency and such amendment shall be effective from the date of receipt by the Agency of the related Government Orders.
- c. Membership is not heritable and will therefore come to an end upon the death of a Member

11. MEETINGS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

- 1. The Governing Council shall consist of a minimum of eight members and a maximum of fifteen members.
- 2. The Governing Council shall meet at least once in three months.
- 3. The prescribed quorum for meetings of the Governing Council shall be six.
- 4. Every resolution will need to be passed by a majority of members of the Governing Council present and voting.
- 5. Every member of the Council shall be paid for attending the meeting of the Council, travelling allowances at the rates admissible to Class I Officers of the Government; Official Members will be paid per diem and travelling allowances by their respective employers.
- 6. In case of necessity and expediency, the Member - Secretary of the Society may circulate a resolution and the same shall be deemed to have been passed if a majority of the members approve it. The resolution so passed shall be recorded in the proceedings of the next meeting of the Governing Council.

12. PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Proceedings of every meeting of the Governing Council shall be approved by the Chairman or the member of the Governing Council who presides over the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

13. TENURE OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Official Members of the Governing Council that is serial numbers 1 to 11 will be permanent members of the Governing Council. The tenure of the other members of the Governing Council shall be 3 years.

14. RESIGNATION

Resignation of a member from the Governing Council shall be tendered to the Society and shall not take effect until it has been accepted on behalf of the Society by the Chairman of the General Body.

15. DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. The Governing Council shall be responsible to the General Body for the efficient running of the affairs of the society.
2. Maintain the records of membership, properties and assets as well as accounts of income and expenditure.
3. Ensure that any property or asset of the Society in the hands of an office bearer or members is held only on account and on behalf of the Society.
4. Call to the annual meetings of the General Body and submit prescribed returns to the Registrar within the prescribed time limits.
5. The Council shall, in furtherance of the objects of the Society, function based on the guidelines and advice of the Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency established by the Government of Tamil Nadu which shall be the Advisory Board for the society.

These duties shall be discharged through the Managing Director and Member Secretary of the Society.

16. POWES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Subject to the provisions of these rules and regulations, the above committee shall have the following powers and functions

1. In addition to its authorized membership, the Governing Council shall have the right to co-opt five eminent personalities or institutions in fields of activity related to the Objects of the Society such as in technical aspects, gender issues and community organization.
2. Provided further that the Governing Council may in addition to the Full Members, co-opt the professional appointed as Treasurer / Financial Controller of the Agency.
3. The co-opted Members, including representatives of the external aid institutions, technical experts, women, NGOs, Seed Grower Association Members may participate in meetings of the Governing Council but shall not have voting rights.
4. Exercise, through the Managing Director supervision and control over all affairs of the Society.
5. Lay down Business rules and Service rules, to regulate the transaction of business and working conditions of employees of the society.
6. Delegate any of its powers to the Managing Director

7. The Governing Council shall have full powers to do all such things that it considers necessary or expedient in furtherance of the objects of the Society.
8. To propose byelaws, including amendments to existing byelaws for consideration and adopting by the General Body
9. To approve all the Annual Reports prepared by the Member Secretary and to be placed before the General Body for its adoption.

17. FUNCTIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN

1. He/She shall, whenever present, preside over the Governing Council meetings and General Body meetings
2. He/She shall, coordinate the effects of various executive members for development of the Society
3. In case, the votes, for and against a particular issue are equal, the Chairman shall exercise his / her casting vote.
4. The Chairman may direct the Member-Secretary to call a special meeting at short notice in case of emergency.
5. The Chairman shall be sole and absolute authority to judge the validity of the votes cast by Members at all General Body meetings and Governing Council meetings.

18. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR / MEMBER SECRETARY

He shall be the principal executive officer of the Society and Member Secretary of the Governing Council and the Society.

19. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

1. He shall be the principal executive officer of the Society.
2. He shall function as the controlling authority of all employees of the Society.
3. Subject to overall superintendence and control of the Governing Council, he shall be the Managing Director for all projects taken up by the Society.
4. He shall discharge all such functions and exercise all such powers as may be delegated to him by the Governing Council.

20. TREASURER / FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

The Managing Director and Member Secretary shall, with the approval by resolution of the Governing Council, appoint a competent professional as Treasurer / Financial Controller for the Agency.

The person so appointed shall also be co-opted as a Member of the Governing Council as provided in Rule 24 (2).

He/ She shall keep overall control over the funds of the Society and manage them properly within the policies laid down by the Governing Council.

He/ She shall prepare the annual balance sheets and the statement of accounts, get them audited and afterwards present them at the General Body meeting for approval.

21. FINANCIAL YEAR

The accounting year for the Society will be from 1st April to 31st March. The annual income and expenditure accounts and balance sheet of the Society shall be presented at the Annual General Body meeting within 5 (five) months of the close of the accounting year, duly audited by the competent auditor nominated by the General Body.

22. FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

The funds of the Society will consist of the following:-

1. Grants-in-aid, other grant of money, securities, fees, negotiable instruments, other forms of assistance from sources such as Central and State Governments, domestic and international lending agencies, individuals, associations, corporate bodies, other agencies and other local bodies.
2. All subsidies for seed production and distribution by Government of India / State Government may be implemented by TANSEDA to benefit the farmers as per their guidelines.

23. ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIETY

The Governing Council shall arrange for the proper maintenance of accounts with respect to:-

1. All accounts of money received and expended by Society and the matters in respect of which receipt and expenditure take place;
2. All sales and purchases of goods by the Society; and
3. The assets and liabilities of the Society.

24. AUDIT

A qualified Chartered Accountant who is the member of the Institute of Chartered Accountant of India shall be appointed as Auditor of the Society at its Annual General Body meeting and he/ she shall audit the accounts of the Society for the ensuing year. The Auditor of the Society shall have access to the books of the accounts and vouchers of the Society and shall be entitled to require such information and explanation as he /she may think necessary for the performance of his / her duties as Auditor.

25. ANNUAL LIST OF GOVERNING COUNCIL

Once in every year, a list of the office bearer and members of the Society shall be filed with the Registrar of the Societies (North), Chennai city.

26. ALTERATIONS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OR TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

If the Governing Council comes to a conclusion that it is desirable to alter, extend or reduce any of the provisions in the Memorandum of Association or the Rules and Regulations of the Society as registered, the Governing Council may make a proposal to the Members of the Society in writing. A special meeting of the

General Body shall have to be convened for this purpose. The alteration, extension or reduction to be valid, must be:

1. Adopted by a majority of not less than three fourths of members voting in the Special General Meeting, whether in person or by proxy.
2. The proposal must be in conformity with the provisions of The Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975.
3. A copy of the resolution of the Special General Meeting adopting the alteration is to be filed with the Registrar within three months.

27. INDEMNITY

The Members of the Governing Council, Auditors, Officers of the Society and any holding Trustee for the time being acting in relation to any of the affairs of the Society and their heirs, executors and administrators respectively shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Society from or against any suits, proceedings, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them incur or sustain by reason of any act done omitted to be done in or about the execution of their duty in their respective offices or trusts except such (if any) as they shall incur or sustain by or through their own willful neglect or default respectively.

28. BALANCE SHEET AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF SOCIETY.

A copy of the annual balance sheet and audited income and expenditure account of the Society along with a list of office bearers and Governing Council members of the Society with full name, address and occupation as required under Section 16 of The Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 shall be filed with the Registrar of Societies, concerned.

29. DISPOSAL OF UNSOLD SEEDS

In case of seeds which are unsold due to expiry date, natural calamities like drought, etc., the seeds may be disposed to Market Committee or Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation and the amount realized to be remitted into Tamil Nadu State Seed Development Agency (TANSEDA) account. The difference of cost after disposal of time barred seeds / unsold seeds due to natural calamities are to be taken by the concerned District Joint Director of Agriculture based on the justification furnished by the Block Assistant Director of Agriculture.

30. VALIDATIONS OF ACTS

No action taken by the Society shall be rendered invalid or void only due to the reasons that

1. there existed one or more vacancies in the Governing Council on the day the resolution was passed; or
2. the resolution in pursuance of which the said act was done, has subsequently been modified or revoked by the Governing Council.

31. SUITS BY OR AGAINST THE SOCIETY

Any person including a member of the Society, who damages, injures or destroys any property of the Society otherwise acts in a manner resulting in pecuniary loss to the Society, can be sued by the Society. The fact that such person

may be a member of the Society shall not in any manner prevent the Society from proceeding against him in a Court of Law.

RAJESH LAKHONI,
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER
AND SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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Sanjay Singh
11/1/2015
Section Officer.

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