

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (Agri.I) DEPARTMENT**

Memo. No. 2689/Agri.I(1)/2018

Date: 10/07/2018

Sub:- A&C Dept.- Indiscriminate usage of Glyphosate in cotton and other crops- Health and Environment Implications- Imposition of restriction on usage of Glyphosate - Reg.

Ref:- 1. From the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad Lr.No. SRC(2)290/2017, Dt: 16/04/2018.
2. Minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of the Secretary (A&C), Government of India, Dt: 14/06/2018.

The Commissioner and Director of Agriculture in the reference cited, submitted that the indiscriminate usage of non-selective herbicides like Glyphosate in agricultural crops in general and cotton in particular is increasing in the Telangana State due to the spread of illegal unapproved Herbicide Tolerant (HT) cotton.

It is informed that, during the raids conducted by the taskforce teams and samples drawn by the concerned MAOs some of the cotton samples of the companies were found Ht. positive. It is very much evident that the some of the cotton seed companies are resorted to produce and sale the Ht. positive cotton seed to the innocent farmers for the sake of their business for the ensuing Kharif 2018 even though, the GEAC has not given permission to HT cotton, on the other hand the Department is implementing so many activities to curtail the production and sale of HT. Cotton seed in to the market.

The Commissioner and Director of Agriculture has requested that the Government to issue orders for restrictive usage of Glyphosate in agricultural and horticultural crops in general and cotton in particular to effectively curb the spread of HT cotton and also to protect the farm biodiversity in the Telangana State.

After careful examination of the matter, the government issue the following orders:

- All pesticide dealers should be directed not to sell Glyphosate 20.2% SL IPA Salt or Glyphosate 41% SL IPA Salt or any other concentration for any crop with immediate effect.
- The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture is directed to remove the entries of Glyphosate in the licence issued to pesticide dealers in the state.
- The pesticide dealers would not sell any of the above Herbicide without a recommendation slip from concerned MAO / AEO for non-crop area.
- That farmers should be educated not to use Glyphosate 20.2% & SL IPA Salt and 41% SL IPA Salt or any other concentration for any crops as it is a registered as Herbicide only for non-cropped area and Tea crop.

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Any violations of the above orders shall be viewed seriously and action will be initiated against the defaulters.

The Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Telangana shall take further necessary action.

These orders will take immediate effect.


APC & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad
The Director, TSSOCA, Hyderabad.

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All the District Collectors for information and necessary action.
All the District Agriculture Officers for necessary action.
The Registrar, PJTSAU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
The Registrar, SKLTSHU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.
The Director of Horticulture & Sericulture, Hyderabad.
The TAPPMA Officer No.1-1652/2, Flat No. 301, Radha Krishna Residency,
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The Association of Pesticide Manufacturer, 717, Swapnalok Complex, SD
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The Fertilizers, Pesticides & Seeds Dealers Welfare Association, Reg. Office
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