

# **The Seeds (Control) Order, 1983**

**Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture**

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## **1. Short Title and Extent**

1. This Order is called the **Seeds (Control) Order, 1983**.
2. It applies to the whole of **India**.
3. It came into effect on **30th December 1983**.

## **2. Definitions**

In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:

- **Act:** Refers to the **Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955)**.
- **Controller:** An official appointed by the **Central Government** to regulate seed control matters.
- **Dealer:** Any person engaged in selling, exporting, or importing seeds, including agents.
- **Export:** Taking seeds from **India** to a place outside **India**.
- **Import:** Bringing seeds from outside **India** into the country.
- **Inspector:** A person appointed to oversee seed regulations as per Clause 12.
- **Registering Authority:** The licensing authority designated under Clause 11.
- **Seeds:** Defined under the **Seeds Act, 1966 (54 of 1966)**.
- **State Government:** In the context of Union Territories, refers to the **Administrator** by any designation.

## **Dealer Licensing for Seeds**

### **3. Requirement for Obtaining a License**

1. No person is allowed to **sell, export, or import** seeds without a valid license.
2. The **State Government** may exempt certain dealers or areas under specified conditions.

### **4. Application for License**

- Individuals seeking a license must apply in **Form 'A'** with a fee of ₹50 to the **licensing authority**.

### **5. Grant and Refusal of License**

1. The licensing authority may grant a license in **Form 'B'** after verification.
2. A license **will not be issued** if:
  - The applicant's previous license is suspended.

- The previous license was canceled within the past year.
- The applicant was convicted under the **Essential Commodities Act, 1955**, within the past three years.

3. If a license is denied, the authority must **record the reasons**.

## **6. License Validity**

- A license remains valid for **three years** unless **suspended or canceled**.

## **7. License Renewal**

1. Renewal applications must be submitted **before expiry** using **Form 'C'** with a fee of ₹20.
2. If applied within **one month after expiry**, an additional **₹25 late fee** is required.

## **Dealer Responsibilities**

### **8. Stock and Price Display**

- Dealers must display daily **opening and closing stock details** and a **price list** of available seeds at their business premises.

### **9. Memorandum to Purchasers**

- Dealers must provide a **cash or credit memorandum** to every seed buyer.

### **10. Seed Distribution Orders**

- The **Controller** may direct any dealer to **sell or distribute seeds** in a specific manner in the public interest.

## **Enforcement Authority**

### **11. Appointment of Licensing Authority**

- The **State Government** may appoint officers to oversee licensing and define their jurisdiction.

### **12. Appointment of Inspectors**

- **Inspectors** are appointed to monitor compliance and operate within specified local areas.

### **13. Inspection and Compliance Measures**

1. Inspectors have the authority to:
  - Obtain information on **seed purchase, storage, and sales**.
  - Inspect **premises** where seeds are stored or sold.
  - Take **seed samples** for laboratory testing.
  - **Seize substandard seeds or related documents**.
2. Any seized documents must be **returned after certified copies are made**.

3. Searches and seizures will follow the **Criminal Procedure Code, 1973**.
4. Any seed seizures must be **reported to a Magistrate**.

#### **14. Time Limit for Seed Testing**

- Laboratories must analyze **seed samples** and submit reports within **60 days**.

#### **License Suspension and Appeals**

##### **15. Suspension or Cancellation of License**

- A license may be **suspended or canceled** if:
  - It was obtained through **misrepresentation**.
  - The dealer **violates** the provisions of this order or license conditions.

##### **16. Right to Appeal**

- If a license is **refused, suspended, or canceled**, the affected person may appeal within **60 days** by paying a **₹50 fee**.
- The **appellate authority's decision is final**.

#### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

##### **17. License Amendments**

- Dealers can request **license amendments** by paying **₹10**.

##### **18. Record Keeping and Reporting**

1. Dealers must **maintain business records** as directed by the **State Government**.
2. A **monthly return in Form 'C'** must be submitted to the **licensing authority** by the **5th of each month**.