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Sowing

- Seed rate: 75kg/ha dry seed for any recommended variety.
- Seed hardening with 1% KCl for 16 hours and shade dried to bring to storable moisture. This will enable the crop to withstand early moisture stress.
- On the day of sowing, treat the hardened seeds first with *Pseudomonas fluorescens* 10g/kg of seed and then with *Azophos* 2000g or *Azospirillum and Phosphobacteria* @ 600g each per ha seed, whichever is available.
- Drill sow with 20 cm inter row spacing using seed drill the seeds can also be sown behind the country plough.
- Depth of sowing should be 3 - 5 cm and the top soil can be made compact with leveling board.
- Pre-monsoon sowing is advocated for uniform germination.

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