##### INTRODUCTION

Seed is the most important and vital input in Agriculture. It is the pivot around which all other farm operations depend. Increased productivity of crops largely depends upon the quality of the seed that is used for raising the crops besides other factors.

Realizing the importance of this vital input, the Government of Puducherry under Section 8 of the Seeds Act 1966 has established the Puducherry Seed Certification Agency, during June 2000 as an autonomous body to act as the Certification Agency for whole of the Union Territory.

**Mandate:**

To certify seeds of any crop/ variety notified by the Government of India under section 5 of the Seeds Act 1966.

To ensure that the seed conforms to the minimum limits of germination and purity prescribed under section 6 of the Seeds Act, 1966.

**Producers list:**

1. The Deputy Director of Agri. (T&V), Bahour
2. The Deputy Director of Agri. (T&V), Madagadipet
3. The Deputy Director of Agri. (Inputs), Villianur
4. The Deputy Director of Agri. (Inputs), Thattanchavady
5. The Deputy Director of Agri., Karaikal
6. The Deputy Director of Agri., Yanam
7. The Dean, PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal
8. The Principal, PKKVK, Puducherry
9. The Principal, KVK, Karaikal