









# **CRITERIA AND CATEGORIES**

#### Policy Leadership for Development

- Agriculture / allied department's Heads (Ministers / Secretaries /Commissioners, current or former) of the Centre or any State and/or Parliamentarians / Legislators /Chairman of any Board or Commission, who have made noticeable contribution through pathbreaking policies to support Indian seed sector
- The recipient must have been able to address the issues of farmers and other stakeholders proactively and have made substantial difference in their lives through suitable interventions
- The policies developed must have resulted in a radical change in the seed sector scenario which brought about a visible change in the lives of the farming community

# **Seed Certification Agency**

- State Seed Certification Agencies in the country which has consistently recorded high performance in the last 5 years
- ➤ The agency must have encouraged the production of adequate quantities of genetically pure and good quality seeds
- ➤ It should also have resulted in increased availability of quality assured seeds of improved varieties and support healthy competition.

#### Seed Grower Farmer

- Farmers who have consistently produced of high quality seed in either OP or hybrid category in the last 5 years
- > The farmer must have positively contributed to the spread of a particular crop or a variety in an area.
- ➤ The farmer must have paid highest priority to the quality and must have earned aced the seed production in terms of volume
- In case of FPO or local seed brand, validated claim regarding the extent of spread and number of farmers benefitted

# Research, Innovation & Technology Development

- Head of research / technology / academic institution or research programme, including private sector, who have made noticeable contributions in seed sector by his/her research achievements.
- New technology innovation and or introduction of new products or having solved any complex problem by research offerings
- Heads of research policy programs, who had initiated innovative research policies, generated resources and established networks, which accelerated the pace of research activities in that sphere
- The orgnaisation must have consistently made progressively higher investments by for research and which has showed increased of adoption of technology by the stakeholders.

#### Excellence in Seed Infrastructure - Processing

- Private seed companies/ Seed Corporations/ other agencies who have considerably expanded their seed processing capabilities by expansion and development of infrastructure
- Consistently invested in world class processing infrastructure to produce top quality seed products in required volumes.
- High Processing efficiency and scale due to excellent seed processing infrastructure

#### Excellence in Seed Infrastructure - Storage

- Private seed companies/ Seed Corporations/ Warehousing service companies, Cold Storage Facility/ other agencies who have considerably expanded their seed storage capabilities by expansion and development of infrastructure
- Consistently invested in world class storage infrastructure that can maintain high quality of seed through different weather conditions in required volumes.
- Maintenance of computerized inventory tracking system in the warehouse and storage & retrieval of different seed lots or access to specific variety under tracking option.

#### Seed Testing Laboratory - Private Sector

- Private sector seed companies with Quality Assurance system for making high quality seeds available to farmers
- Recognized by ISTA or ISO or any other accreditation agency with capabilities to test good volumes of seed samples are tested
- Excellent laboratory infrstrucutre and skilled man power to maintain sample integrity, with the capacity to test for seed quality, viability and purity tests

## Seed Testing Laboratory - Public Sector

- Seed Quality Testing Laboratories in the public sector that are making high quality seeds available to farmers through good equipment, processes & technical expertise.
- Recognized by ISTA or ISO or any other accreditation agency with capabilities to test good volumes of seed samples are tested
- Excellent laboratory infrstrucutre and skilled man power to maintain sample integrity, with the capacity to test for seed quality, viability and purity tests

# Best State in Seed Supply Planning

- ➤ The nominations should come from the State Agriculture Departments providing information for past 5 years and a Rolling Plan for the next 4-5 years.
- > State which have continually supplied seeds to the farmers on time and in required volumes and hence resulted in enhanced production.
- Launched innovative and popular policies, giving new growth and direction to seed sector of the state and transforming the lives of farmers.
- Catalysing growth in seed segment through policy initiative, investment promotion, institution and capacity building

#### Lifetime Achievement

- Professional from the Seed industry / Public Research / Public Policy / Administrator who have made high impact contributions to the seed industry
- ➤ Highly respected for following good business practices regarding legal compliances, ethical values, taking care of employees and building good organization.
- Contributed towards visible growth in the sector measurable by technical product popularity among industry and farmers, improved economic status among end users and measurable growth in agricultural productivity & production
- Contributed significantly in capacity building to support seed sector, in framing Seed and related policies supporting the seed sector development.
- Made an impact in domestic and international seed sector in terms of motivating the seeds persons and spreading the knowledge and business.

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