

Call for applications for consideration by the Standing Committee for commercial release of Bt cotton hybrids under Event Based Approval Mechanism (EBAM)

Applications for commercial release of Bt cotton hybrids expressing approved events under EBAM may be submitted to the Member Secretary, Standing Committee (EBAM), RCGM Secretariat, Room No. 804, Department of Biotechnology, Block-2, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003 (5 hard copies, and a soft copy at: rcgm.dbt@nic.in) for consideration in the next meeting of the Standing Committee scheduled to be held in April/May 2016. The applications for a maximum of two Bt cotton hybrids per applicant per State/Zone may be submitted for North, Central and South Zones by 05.04.2016 with the following information:

1. Confirmation of gene/ event through molecular characterization by the licensor stating that the gene/s being used is one of the approved events (LOC in original)
2. Level of protein expression in green house and field trials
3. Morphological characters using DUS descriptors as per PPVF&RA guidelines for the hybrids as well as parental lines
4. Bio-efficacy data generated in laboratory conditions
5. Boll damage measured by ETL at 10%
6. Authorization certificate/ No Objection Certificate (NOC) in original from technology provider in case of sub-licensee
7. Affidavits duly signed by the Notary on Stamp Paper
8. Each application shall contain data pertaining to single hybrid only; Individual application should be submitted for each State/Zone; Applications submitted earlier/pending cases of earlier Standing Committee meetings will not be considered.
9. Performance trial report including agronomic parameters, yield with CD & CV, pest & disease reaction for the proposed Bt cotton hybrid, fibre quality attributes, spinning potential [supported by CIRCOT (ICAR) data] etc. at least for one year, for both rainfed and irrigated situations as evidenced by at least one SAU/ ICAR-AICCIP trial from respective SAU centre from each State. Seed cotton yield should be statistically significant over best performing Bt check in respective state. The SAU/ICAR report should be certified/signed by the competent authority, page-wise with seal and date.
10. Number and names of hybrids approved under EBAM so far for each State, names of hybrids available in the market, and how the proposed hybrids are better than the approved hybrids
11. Data on tolerance of Bt cotton hybrids to CLCuV (only for hybrids to be released in North Zone) as evaluated by SAU Centre in North Zone/CICR, Sirsa
12. Proposed strategy of refugia (including name of hybrid, proof of its performance etc.) and Undertaking on amount to be spent (Rs. In lakhs) or percent of sales that will be spent on examination/education to farmers on the use of refugia, and benefits
13. Current status of Bt cotton hybrids approved by Standing Committee under EBAM for commercialization:

S.No.	Name of the applicant/ Company & address	Name of the Bt cotton hybrid approved for commercialization (State/Zone)	Date of approval (State/Zone)	Bt cotton hybrids proposed for withdrawal (State/ Zone)
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It may be noted that punitive action will be initiated for providing wrong information/declaration on any of the above items (1-13).