

PRESS NOTE

SPURIOUS SEED RACKET BUSTED- FOUR SPURIOUS COTTON SEED SELLERS WERE HELD – SEIZED 2.8 TONS OF SPURIOUS COTTON SEED ALONG WITH ITS PROCESSING & PACKING EQUIPMENT AND EMPTY LABELED COVERS OF VARIOUS BRANDS - ALL WORTH RS. 50 LAKHS

Today i.e. on 09.06.2020 at morning hours, acting on tip of information given by SOT Cyberabad, the sleuths of Special Operations Team (SOT), LB Nagar Zone along with the Police Hayathnagar and officials of the agriculture department conducted surprise & joint raid and nabbed four persons namely 1) Chinthala Venkateshwarlu, 2) Putta Venkata Ramana, 3) Nomula Venkanna and 4) Vagalagaani Ashok in a godown located on the outskirts of Brahmanapally (V) under Hayathnagar PS, while they were mixing and packing the spurious cotton seed in order to sell the same to the gullible farmers. Seized around (2.8) tons of spurious cotton seed along with its processing & packing equipment and (500) numbers empty labeled covers of Billa & Pavani brands from their possession.

CR. NO.355/2020 U/S 420 IPC, SEC. 420 IPC, SEC. 3(1), 7, 18 OF SEEDS (CONTROL) ORDER -1983 & SEC.6 & 7 OF SEED ACT 1966 OF HAYATHNAGAR PS

DETAILS OF ACCUSED PERSONS:

1. Chinthala Venkateshwarlu, S/o Ranganna, age: 30 yrs, Occ: Seed Business, R/o Jawaharnagar, Medchal, N/o H.No.6-515, Indra Colony, Kothapet (V), Koilkunta(M) of Kurnool District of AP State.
2. Pathlavath Krishna Naik s/o Pedda Balanna, age; 42 years, Occ; Seed business, R/o NGO's colony, Nandyala town, N/o Peddadevulapuram (V), Bandi Athmakur mandal of Kurnool district, AP State. **(Absconding)**.
3. Putta Venkata Ramana s/o Pedda Venkatanna, age; 46 years, Occ; Farmer & Seed business, R/o Kanala village, Nandyala mandal of Kurnool District, AP State.
4. Nomula Venkanna S/o Anjaiah, age: 32 years, Occ: Business, R/o Brahmanapalli village, Hayathnagar mandal of RR dist. N/o HNO.3-112, Tallagadda, Suryapet town and Dist,
5. Vagalagaani Ashok, S/o Mallaiah, age: 32 years, Occ: Marketing, R/o Plot No.40, Ramanujan Colony, Munaganuru village of Hayathnagar mandal.

SEIZED MATERIAL:

1. (38) Plastic bags containing (1900) Kgs of loose BG-Cotton seed. (Each bag weighing 50 Kgs).
2. (17) bags of colour mixing seed containing (680) Kgs. (Each bag weighing 40 Kgs).
3. (9) bags of containing non-BT small pouch bags all weighing (250) Kgs.

4. (13) numbers of Sarpanch Gold BG-2 Cotton seed packets (Each packet weighing 450 grams),
5. (500) numbers of empty labeled covers including (200) numbers of Billa brand and (300) numbers of Pavani brand
6. One red colour tin containing (20) Kgs of seed chemical,
7. One seed mixing machine,
8. Three packing machines,
9. One weighing machine,
10. One sewing machine,

Total worth of seized property is Rs.50,00,000/- (Fifty Lakhs only)

BRIEF FACTS:

The A-1 Chinthala Venkateshwarlu is a native of Kothapet village, Koilkunta mandal of Kurnool District. He came to Hyderabad about ten years ago and eking out his livelihood by means of cable operator. A-2 Pathlavath Krishna Naik & A-3 Putta Venkata Ramana who are in seeds business in Nandyala town are well known to the A-1 Chinthala Venkateshwarlu having close acquaintance as they belong to Nandyala and its surrounding areas. Due to such intimacy, the A-1 to A-3 planned to earn easy money by selling the spurious seed to the gullible farmers in surrounding area of Hyderabad City by mixing the spurious seed with seed chemical and packing the same in certain labeled covers of various brands including **BILLA & PAVANI** exist in the open market. As per their plan, the A-1 Chinthala Venkateshwarlu has to look-after the entire maintenance of their illegal activity, while the A-2 & A-3 have to supply needful seed and other equipment required for the mixing and packing the spurious seed.

Accordingly, the A-1 took a godown for lease on the outskirts of Brahmanapally village with the help of A-4 Nomula Venkanna of Brahmanapally village who is also in same business and one marketing agent A-5 Vagalagaani Ashok belongs to Ramanujan Colony, Munaganuru village of Hayathnagar mandal. In fact, the accused persons are having no license under Seed Act 1966 to manufacture or sell the cotton seed. However, the A-1 **procured the loose cotton seed i.e. (35) bags from the A-2 Krishna Naik & (17) bags from A-3 Putta Venkata Ramana** along with labeled covers of various brands and its related equipment including seed mixing chemical, seed mixing machine, packing machines, weighing machine and sewing machine for packing the seed from Nandyala Town of Kurnool district and stored the same in the godown located on the outskirts of Brahmanapally village.

Thus, all the accused persons together started mixing the spurious seed with red colour seed mixing chemical and packed the same in labeled covers of other brands including **SARPANCH GOLD** so as to sell the seed to

the gullible farmers by inducing them that they are selling the branded seed at the lower price than the Government approved seed. Recently i.e. about three days ago, the accused persons already sold the spurious seed packets to some of the innocent farmers in the surrounding area of Shadnagar town. Actual price of the branded and Government approved seed packet weighing (450) grams is Rs.730/-. But, the accused persons sell the spurious seed packet of same quantity @ Rs.500/- and thereby cheated the gullible farmers.

Today i.e. on 09.06.2020 at morning hours, while the accused persons A-1 Chinthala Venkateshwarlu, A-3 Putta Venkata Ramana, A-4 Nomula Venkanna and A-5 Vagalagaani Ashok were mixing and packing the spurious cotton seed in their godown , the Police and officials of the agricultural department have raided and caught them in possession of spurious cotton seed along with its mixing & processing equipment as mentioned above. The **spurious seed weighing about (2.8) tons along with (500) numbers of labeled covers of BILLA & PAVANI brands and its related equipment being used for mixing and packing the seed** were seized from the possession of accused under a cover of panchanama in the presence of mediators.

The above arrests were made under the supervision of Sri Mahesh M Bhagwat, IPS., Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda, Sri G.Sudheer Babu, IPS, Addl. Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda, Sri Sunpreeth Singh, IPS., Dy. Commissioner of Police, LB Nagar Zone and under the guidance of Sri J.Surender Reddy, Addl. Dy.Commissioner of Police, Special Operations Team, Rachakonda, with the presence of Sri Bhykya Salman Nayak, Mandal Agricultural Officer of Hayathnagar mandal, by Sri M.Surender, Inspector of Police, Hayathnagar PS, Sri T.Ravi Kumar, Inspector of Police, Sri B.Sathyanarayana, Sub-Inspector of Police, Sri Avinash Babu Sub-Inspector of Police and staff of Special Operations Team, LB Nagar zone, Rachakonda.





