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Report Highlights:

In an extraordinary measure through the Gazette of India, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare published a notification on March 12, 2018, fixing the maximum sale price for cotton seed for sowing as well as specific trait values that technology providers assess seed companies for biotech cotton seed used in India. The sales and trait prices were lowered from the prices set in the March 2016 notification.

General Information:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare issued the notification fixing the maximum sales price on cotton seed for planting and the allowed chargeable trait fee through the Gazette of India on March 12, 2018. The notification on maximum cotton seed sales prices and chargeable trait fees for biotech cotton is available at this [link](#) with the full text pasted below (see Image 1).

India earlier issued guidance in [December 2015](#) that indicated the manner in which the government would set cotton seed prices and trait fees. Then, in March 2016, India issued its [price control notification](#) (see Image 2) and [a textual revision](#) for cotton seed and seed traits. India issued cotton seed trait licensing guidelines in [May 2016](#).

Image 1. India: Cotton Seed and Trait Prices from March 2018

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THE GAZETTE OF INDIA : EXTRAORDINARY

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 12th March, 2018

S.O. 1108(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (1) of clause 5 of the Cotton Seed Price (Control) Order, 2015, the Central Government, after consultation with the Committee referred to in sub-clause (2) of the said clause to recommend the maximum sale price of cotton seed, hereby declares the maximum sale price of Bt Cotton seed packets (450 grams of Bt Cotton seed plus 120 grams refugia) specified in the Table below for the financial year 2018-19 for the whole of India.

TABLE

Serial number	Components	BG-I version of Bt. Cotton hybrid	BG-II version of Bt. Cotton hybrid
1.	Seed value (in rupees)	635	701
2.	Trait value including taxes (in rupees)	0	39
	Maximum sale price (in rupees)	635	740

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE**(Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare)****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 8th March, 2016

S.O. 686(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (1) of clause 5 of the Cotton Seed Price (Control) Order, 2015, the Central Government, after consultation with the Committee referred to in sub-clause (2) of the said clause to recommend the maximum sale price of cotton seed, hereby declares the maximum sale price of Bt. cotton seed packets (450 grams of Bt. cotton seed plus 120 grams refugia) specified in the Table below for the financial year 2016-17 for the whole of India.

TABLE

Serial number	Components	BG-I version of Bt. cotton hybrid	BG-II version of Bt. cotton hybrid
1.	Seed Value (in rupees)	635	751
2.	Trait value including taxes (in rupees)	0	49
	Maximum sale price (in rupees)	635	800

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