

Telangana: Spurious seeds worth Rs 70 lakh seized

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(Representational Image)

HYDERABAD: Despite the government issuing several warnings, [spurious](#) seeds continue to be circulated even as farmers are preparing for sowing operations this monsoon.

Suryapet police on Tuesday arrested seven persons and seized three tonnes of spurious cotton [seeds](#) worth Rs 70 lakh from them.

Suryapet district SP R Bhaskaran said Arvapalli police arrested four persons and Tungaturthi police arrested three persons and recovered spurious BT3 cotton seeds from them. The SP said five teams had been formed to detect illegal sale of spurious seeds. While three teams carried out investigations in the districts, two other teams were on the job in the neighbouring states.

Cases were booked under various sections of the IPC, Essential Commodities Act, Seeds Act and of Environmental Protection Act. Phones of the arrested persons were also seized.

In the Tungaturthi case, the offenders stored 432 kg of spurious seeds in a house in Annaram village. Police found 72 kg of seeds stored from the house of S Satyanarayana, while a supplier Ram Murali was arrested in Keshavapuram and 135 kg of spurious seeds were seized.

Khammam police also arrested eight persons and seized Rs 16 lakh worth spurious mirchi seeds.

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