

**NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON CERTIFICATION OF TISSUE CULTURE  
RAISED PLANTS**

*Sponsored by:* Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India  
*Organized by:* Biotech Consortium India Ltd., New Delhi

Venue: The Ambassador Hotel, New Delhi

Date : April 19, 2005

**PROGRAMME**

<b>Registration</b>	:	<b>9.00 A.M to 10.00 A.M</b>
<b>Opening Session</b>	:	<b>10.00 A.M to 11.00 A.M</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	:	<b>Dr. S. Natesh</b> Senior Advisor, Department of Biotechnology
<b>Objectives of the Consultation</b>	:	<b>Dr. Renu Swarup</b> Director, Department of Biotechnology
<b>Overview of the National facility for virus diagnosis and quality control</b>	:	<b>Dr. Anupam Varma</b> National Professor, IARI
<b>Remarks</b>	:	<b>Dr. S.R. Nair</b> Managing Director, Biotech Consortium India Limited
<b>Special Remarks</b>	:	<b>Dr. M.L. Choudhary</b> Horticulture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture
<b>Special Address</b>	:	<b>Dr. Mangla Rai</b> Secretary (DARE) & D. G. (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture
<b>Keynote Address</b>	:	<b>Smt. Radha Singh</b> Secretary (A&C), Ministry of Agriculture
<b>Inaugural Address</b>	:	<b>Dr. M.K. Bhan</b> Secretary, Department of Biotechnology
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	:	<b>Dr. Purnima Sharma</b> General Manager, Biotech Consortium India Limited

***Tea: 11.00 A.M to 11:30 A.M***

<b>Technical Session-I</b>	:	<b>11. 30 A.M to 1.00 P.M</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	:	<b>Shri Prem Narain</b> Joint Secretary (Seeds), Ministry of Agriculture
a) National certification programme for tissue cultured plants: Current status and future modalities	:	Dr. Anupam Varma, National Professor, IARI
b) Framework for Implementation of virus testing and certification programme for tissue cultured plants	:	Dr. O.R. Reddy, Joint Director, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine
c) Industry perspective	:	Dr. Manmohan Attavar, Chairman & Managing Director IAHS, Bangalore

***Discussion***

***Lunch: 1:00 P.M to 2:00 P.M***

**Technical Session-II** : **2.00 P.M to 5.30 P.M.**

**Panel Discussion on  
Modalities of Implementation of National Certification Programme for Tissue Culture Raised Plants**

**Chairman** : **Prof. Anupam Varma,**  
National Professor,  
Indian Agricultural Research Institute,  
New Delhi

**Panelists** : Dr. Dinesh Kumar, CEO,  
Whitefield Agrotech Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore  
Shri Bipin Bihari, General Manager (Marketing)  
Chambal Agritech Ltd., Chandigarh  
Dr. O.R. Reddy, Joint. Director,  
Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine  
Dr. Jose C. Samuel, Deputy Commissioner, MOA  
Dr. S. Dave, Director, APEDA, New Delhi  
Dr. Krishna Reddy, Sr. Scientist, IIHR, Bangalore  
Dr. Renu Swarup, Director, DBT

**Concluding remarks** : Dr. S. Natesh, Senior Advisor, DBT  
Dr. Anupam Varma, National Professor, IARI

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