

“Passbook Based Community Seed Bank Model”

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How do the Community Seed Banks work?

1. The persons who join community seed bank as member they will have to register themselves at first and the bank will issue them *passbook*. The community seed bank will exchange seeds with members only through passbook.

2. Community seed bank choose a committee of 5 members among the members/ passbook holders. The committee shall consist of minimum 2 members from Below Poverty Line category, 2 women members and 2 educated members (who has completed minimum 10th board examination).

2.1 This committee known as “*Bij Rakshak Samiti*” which means ‘*Seed Saviour Committee*’.

2.2 This committee decide the charge on seed exchange. This charge or fee will be given to person, nominated via section 2.6.

2.4 The committee bear the post for the tenure of two years.

2.5 This committee decide the format for passbook and other related documents.

2.6 The committee can nominate the qualified candidate to the fulfil the requirements of seed collection, seed quality control and distribution.

3. Seed Exchange based Passbook:

3.1.1 The registered member will exchange the seed from community seed bank via seed exchange passbook.

3.1.2 The seed given to the members of community seed bank will be free of cost to farmers/members, but members shall deposit minimum two times of amount of seeds in the bank after the end of harvesting. The quantity of those seeds will be decided the committee.

3.1.3 The committee shall release a list of available seeds in the seed bank, minimum 15 days before the date of distribution through the seed bank. This committee will announce necessary advertisement for seed biodiversity in the seed bank for distribution.

3.1.4 Each passbook has a unique number for each member.

4. The passbook issued by the community seed bank

1. The passbooks will be issued for members only.

2. The passbook accounts for the entries of exchange of seeds.

3. Each passbook will have entries based on the receipt of which there will be two copies; one is for the issuer and the other is for the consumer.

5. There will be a book for stock registration/ledger in the bank.

6. The community seed bank reserves the right of acceptance or rejection of seeds based on the seed quality. The seeds will be treated as the property of the community seed bank.

7. Seed saving account opening form is the first step to open a account in the community seed bank and after submission the form the community seed bank give a seed exchange passbook to member.

8. The ledger has the all-exchange entries for exchanging seed with varieties name.

9. Member of community seed bank fill the deposit and withdrawal receipt for depositing and withdrawing the seed respectively.

10. Quality control (seed) receipt is filled by member during deposition the seed in community seed bank.

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