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A Regional Workshop on “**Quality Seed in SAARC Countries: Production, Processing, Legal and Quality Control and Marketing System**” is being organized by SAARC Agriculture Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh and Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 at NASC Complex, New Delhi. The objectives of the workshop will be to examine the seed situation and related issues in the SAARC Region and identify the possible areas of cooperation. Country papers will be presented by the Focal Points from each of the member countries and deliberations will be held to identify the possible areas of cooperation in terms of Variety Release, Seed Production, Processing, Storage, Quality Control, Marketing and Strengthening of the Seed Supply within the SAARC region, with due consideration to IPR issues and Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary requirements. A Plenary Lecture on “Seed Security for Food Security” will be delivered by Dr. M. V. Rao, Former Special DG, ICAR and VC, ANGRAU, Hyderabad on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 at 9.30 am. The workshop is expected to be attended by the invited country Focal Points, resource persons, policy makers, researchers and representatives from the public and private seed sectors from SAARC countries.

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