

## Sindh Seed Corporation

<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Sindh Seed Corporation</b>
<b>Controlling Department</b>	Agriculture Department
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<b>Legal Status</b>	Incorporated through an Act of Parliament "Sindh Seed Corporation Act, 1976"
<b>Incorporated/ Created in :</b>	1976

### 1. Background

1. Sindh Seed Corporation was created in 1976 to ensure the provision of certified seed to the farmers. Based on the decision of Sindh Cabinet on 16 June 2001, the Board of Governors of SSC suspended operations from 20 September 2001 due to its unsatisfactory performance. A scheme for providing severance package to 85 employees was approved by the PDWP in June 2006. Accordingly PRs52.267 million were paid as golden hand shake.

2. Keeping in view the demand of growers for quality seed, a Committee of Ministers was constituted on 24 February 2004 and on 26 April 2004 the Committee recommended the revival of SSC as a lean and efficient organization with reduction of workforce from 189 to 98. The action plan for revival of the Corporation was approved by the Chief Minister on 1st December 2005.

### 2. Objectives

3. Sindh Seed Corporation was created to ensure the provision of certified seed to the farmers by (i) purchase of pre-basic seeds from research organizations; (ii) seed multiplication and production of basic seeds on SSC farms; (iii) providing basic seed for multiplication to the private sector seed companies and registered growers, and supervision of their process; (iv) buying back seed from registered growers, processing of seed, certification by the Federal Government and distribution to the farmers.

4. The objectives of SSC according to the Action Plan of 2005 are to: (i) rehabilitate the seed processing plant; (ii) streamline seed multiplication system; (iii) procure, process and market seed to meet requirements of the Province; (iv) multiplication of pre-basic and basic seed for production of basic and certified seed; (v) provide advisory service to the growers; and (vi) provide seed processing facilities to growers at their door steps.

### 3. Governance Arrangements

5. Board of Governors chaired by the Secretary Agriculture department, GoS. Other members of the Board of Governors include notables of the area and landlords of Sindh. The MD of the Corporation usually stays for less than six months and due to this rapid turnover of the executive head, long term policies are neither prepared nor implemented.

6. Audit is conducted by Government Auditors. Audit has been completed till FY2006 but copy of Report was not available.

#### 4. Performance

##### a. Physical Performance

7. Facilities of SSC include: (i) Sindh Seed Corporation Head Office at Hyderabad; (ii) Main seed processing plant at Sakrand; (iii) Cotton ginning unit at Tando Jam; Marketing Office at Sukkur, Larkana and Tando Jam.

##### Farms of SSC

Name of Farm	Total Area (Acres)	Cultivable Area (Acres)	Un-developed (Acres)	Roads, buildings, villages (Acres)
Lodra	2,898	1,716	1,013	169
Ghotki	1,477	1,056	346	75
Setharja	1,041	925	-	116
Pai Sakrand	372	316	-	56
Kotdiji	122	108	5	9
Ruk	112	74	38	-
Lakhi	110	97	8	5
Sangi	100	51	47	2
<b>Total (Acres)</b>	<b>6,232</b>	<b>4,343</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>432</b>

8. Machinery and Production Capacity of SSC: The designed capacities of seed plant and ginning factory of SSC are:

- Wheat section at Sakrand 12,000 MT (metric tons);
- Wheat section at Tando Jam 2,000 MT;
- Paddy at Sakrand 1,600 MT;
- Cotton ginning at Sakrand 3,000 MT, and
- Cotton ginning at TandoJam 1,200 MT.
- In addition there are 11 mini seed processing plants having a capacity of 1000 kgs/ hour received from Japan's Government as Grant-aid during 1996-97. Three of these mini seed processing plants are at Sakrand; 2 at Ghotki, 1 at Kotdiji and Setharja farms; 2 are mobile units (installed on trucks), while one each is at Foundation Seed Cell Tandojam and Rice Research Institute, Dokri.

9. Multiplication/ Production Targets and Achievements in FY2008: The actual production in FY2008 compared to targets is as follows (source web-site of GoS)

##### Seed Multiplication Targets and Achievements

Crop	Target		Achievement	
	Area (Acres)	Yield (Md of 50kg)	Area (Acres)	Yield (Md of 50kg)
Wheat	1,500	52,500	2,630	33,056
Cotton	1,000	18,000	1,271	12,708
Paddy	1,200	57,600	930	24,692
Early Raya	-	-	411	998

**b. Financial Performance**

10. SSC has not provided an overall Budget and Income & Expenditure Account showing total revenues (Government Grant + Own Source Revenues from farms and seed) and total expenditure. The available statement shows total expenditure and the grant from GoS and with a note that the deficit has been met from income of the farms and marketing of seed. Income of the farms and marketing of seeds are not apparent from the statement.

11. SSC has 98 employees with 34 employees in BS16 and above.

12. Recognition of Receivables: The present government accounting system recognizes all revenues on cash basis. As a result assets (such as sundry debtors and other receivable amounts are not shown. Due to this the total amount of Debtors is not apparent and there is no provision for bad and doubtful debts.

13. Recognition of Payables: The present government accounting system does not recognize (a) Liabilities for invoices received but not paid; and (b) Liability for expenditure incurred but not invoiced. Therefore, there is no provision for any liabilities that may be payable. "Requisition of PRs39.854 million was sent to the Government but only PRs17 million have been released. As such presently there are no funds for salaries of employees and day to day expenses such as POL of vehicles, utility bills, printing and stationery, legal expenses, audit fee, etc."

14. SSC is dependent on the GoS for its development expenditure. The PSDP of GoS includes the following allocations for SSC: FY2006 PRs20 million, FY2007 PRs80 million, FY2008 PRs89 million and FY2009 PRs57 million. Being GoS development expenditures met from PSDP, these expenditures are obviously not reflected in SSC accounts.