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The understanding of science is growing rapidly and generating efficient and economically viable technologies. It has influenced the seed production, seed certification and quality enhancement technologies tremendously. Therefore, it becomes essential to update the knowledge bank of the book after the span of 12 years.

With the greatest reception and acceptance of the first edition of the book Seed Technology among teachers, students, seed certification officers, seed analyst, field inspectors and people engaged in seed production and policies, the book required updation of information concurrently revision in the light of new concepts.

The first edition was published in the year 2000 with 40 chapters spread over 260 pages. The book was reprinted times to fulfil the need of users. Now, the second edition of the book has 80 chapters spread over pages with a strong glossary. In addition extensive alteration and addition have been made in all the chapters.

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We are confident that the information provided in the book shall be of practical use to many, including researchers, teachers, students and people engaged in ensuring availability of quality seed.

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