Purchase Guidelines for Cumbu (Bajra) Napier hybrid setts

Transportation

- CN hybrid grass is propagated by setts (stem cuttings) rather than seeds.
- These living material cannot be supplied by postal or any parcel services. Thus buyer's presence is needed for taking delivery of setts.



- Buyers have to arrange on their own for Transportation of setts
- Stem cuttings will be supplied as bundles of full length as shown in the picture and it should be further cut into two budded setts at buyer's end before planting.
- Half length setts will also be provided if the number of setts of purchase is less than 1000 and these half length setts will be about 3 feet long.
- Hence transportation of the setts could be planned accordingly at buyer's end.

Full length bundle

No. of two budded setts/bundle: 500

Length: 6 - 7 feet

Weight: 25 – 30 kg/ bundle (approx.)



Mode of transportation

No. of Setts	Approx. weight (kg)	Mode
100 - 200*	6-12	As personnel carriage in any public transport system (bus/train)
Up to 1,000*	60	Car/Jeep
2,000 - 30,000	120 - 1800	TATA Ace / Mini Auto
30,000 - 70,000	1800 - 4200	Tempo/ Eicher
70,000 - 1 Lakh	4200 - 6000	Lorry
More than 1 Lakh	> 6000	Taurus truck
* As half length setts		·

Price

Full length Rs. 600/-; Half length Rs. 650/- for 1000 numbers.

Life/ Viability

These stem cuttings can be stored only for 4-5 days, if proper care is taken. While transportation, the setts should be covered by gunny bags and kept moist by frequent sprinkling of water. Otherwise, the germination of these setts can only be retained for 2-3 days.

Availability

The CN grass setts are perishable, so it cannot be stored for long time after harvesting. Hence the setts will be freshly harvested and supplied to the farmers.

The supply highly depends on availability of labors as well as matured crop stand at the farm.

By considering the above factors, the booking for the supply of CN grass stem cuttings will be done before one month.

The status of booking/ supply shall be enquired at

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