

# Priority Cotton By-products Activities for Development

(Cottonseed: Linters, Hulls and Meal)

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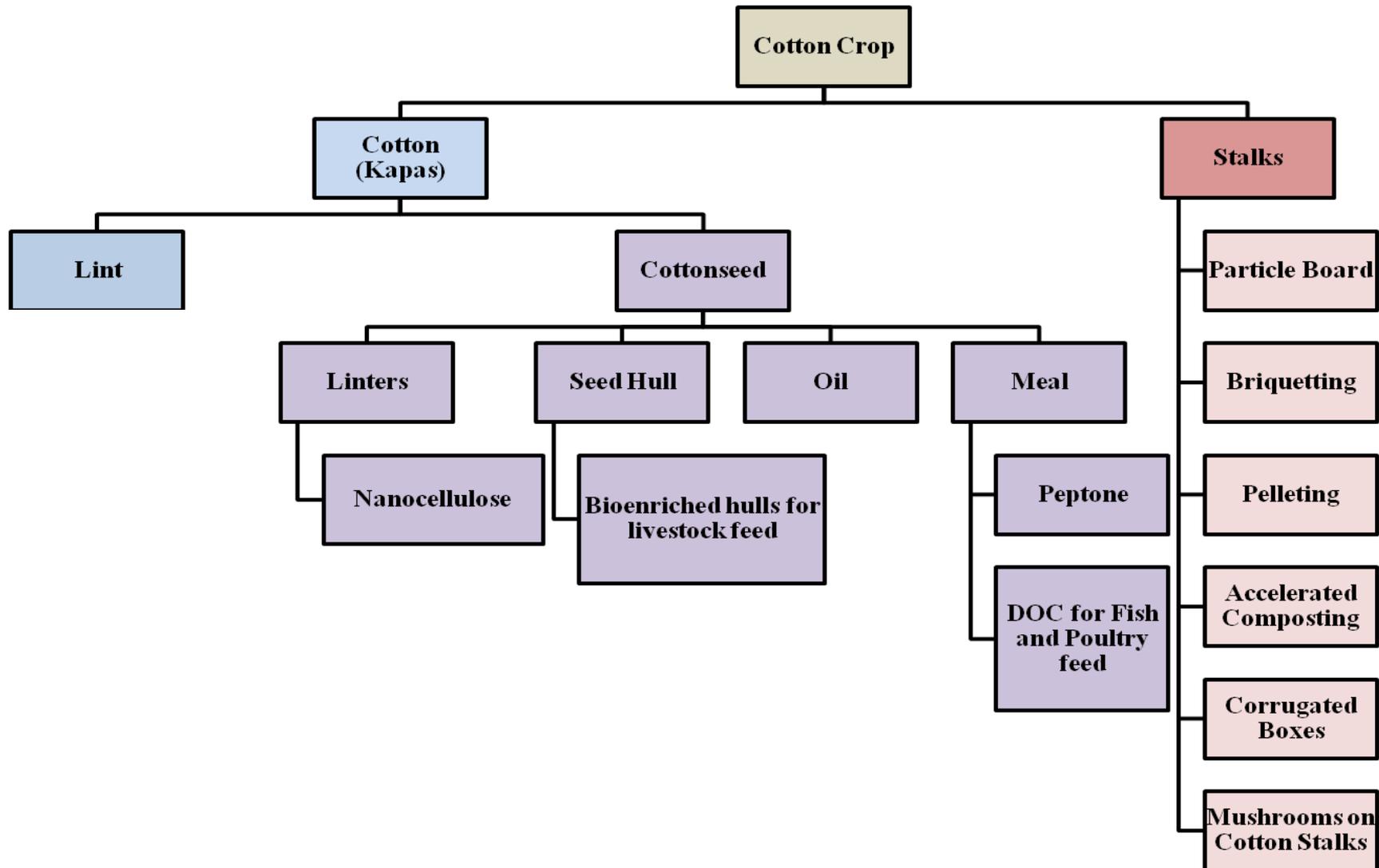


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# Cotton Sector in India (2016-17)

- ❖ **Area Under Cotton Cultivation** : **10.5 million hectares**
- ❖ **Cotton Production** : **5.88 million tonnes**
- ❖ **Cottonseed production** : **11.5 million tonnes**
- ❖ **Cotton Stalk Production** : **26 million tonnes**
- ❖ **Cotton Farmers** : **5 million**

# Value Addition to Cottonseed and Stalks



# **Industrial Applications of Cottonseed Meal**

# Cottonseed cake: India's Experiences

- ❑ Availability : **5.75 million tonnes** annually
- ❑ Oiled Cake: 5.4 m tonnes and De-oiled cake: 0.35 m tonnes
- ❑ Uses: **Mostly used for ruminant feeds**
- ❑ Total gossypol content: 0.6 - 1.15% (0.05 – 0.7% free gossypol)
- ❑ Gossypol: Limitation to non-ruminants like fish and Poultry
- ❑ Large scale production of **degossypolised meal under trials**
- ❑ **Small scale production of degossypolised meal for poultry and fish feeding, etc. using CIRCOT technology**



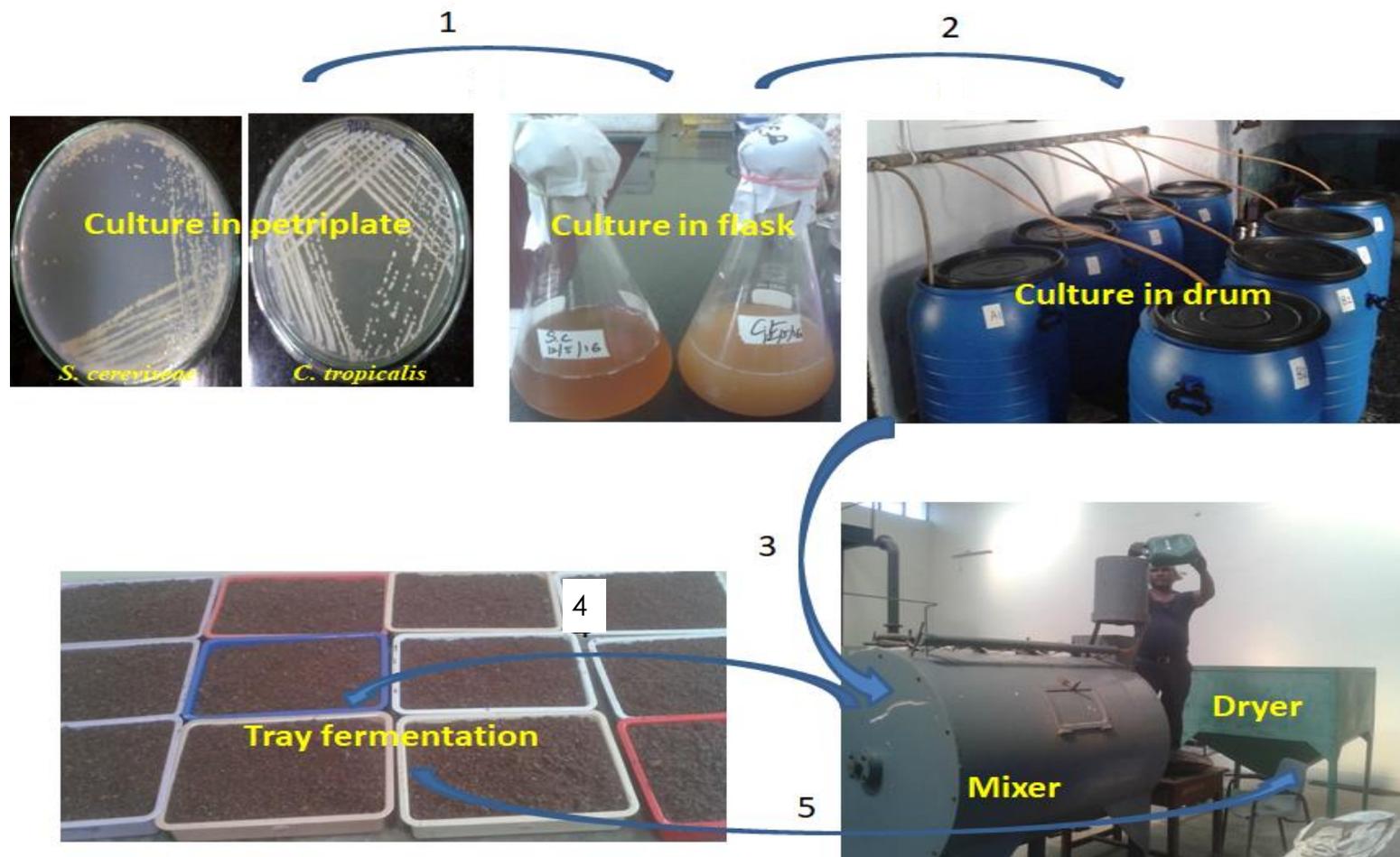
# Possibility of By-products Preparations from Cottonseed Meal in Tanzania (2016-17)

❖ Area Under Cotton Cultivation	: 350,000 hectares
❖ Cottonseed production	: 121,000 tonnes
❖ Linters	: 12,000 tonnes
❖ Cottonseed cake(45-55%)	: 60,000 tonnes
❖ Cottonseed hulls (25-27%)	: 30,000 tonnes

Source: Estimated based on USDA

- **Prospects exist for Preparation of degossypolised cottonseed meal using CIRCOT Technology**
- **One TPD capacity**

# CIRCOT : Degossypolization Technology



# Degossypolized Cottonseed Cake

- **CIRCOT microbial process**
  - Reduction of free gossypol content (80%),
  - Reduce bound gossypol (60 %),
  - Reduce crude fibre (30%)
  - Improvement of protein content ( 40%)
  - Improvement in lysine content ( 25%)
- **Gossypol level meets standard: UN's Protein Advisory Group (UPA)**
- **Enable Cottonseed meal for Poultry and Fish feed**
- **Human Protein Supplement**



# Pilot Scale Production: Degossypolised cake

A	Capital Investment (1 TPD Capacity)	INR (Mn.)	USD
	Land and Building (Land Area: 2000 sq. m; Building for Machinery: 50 Sq. M ; Material storage area:500 Sq. M ; Office Building: 40 Sq. M)	0.50	7,962
	Plant and Equipment	0.90	13,846
	Auxiliary and Service Equipment (Electricals and handling tools)	0.10	1,538
	<b>Total investment</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>23,077</b>
B	Operational Expenses		
	Raw Material Cost for 1 year (1 TPD for 300 days @ Rs. 20,000 per tonne)	4.80	73,846
	Operational cost including repair and Maintenance and other charges (Rs. 3000/tonnee) for 1 year	0.72	11,077
C	Gross Annual Income (Rs. 25000/tonne)	6.0	93,308
	Net annual income (Rs. 2000/tonne)	0.48	7,385
D	Payback period: <b>38 months</b>		Return on investment : <b>26.3%</b>

# Cottonseed Hulls

- Hulls contain about 35%-47% of alpha cellulose, 19%-27% pentosans, 15%-20% lignin, 5% ash, protein, fats, etc.

## Uses:

- For extraction of Furfural, an industrially important chemical
- Good roughage and commonly used in feed lot and dairy rations

## Enhanced utilization of Hulls through Bio-enrichment

- Digestibility and crude protein content of Hulls can be enhanced by **fermentation**
- With **increased digestibility** and **enhanced level of crude protein** it can be used as cattle feed

# Industrial Applications of Linters

# Linters from Cottonseed: India's Experiences

Short fuzzy fibres from cottonseed



## Uses

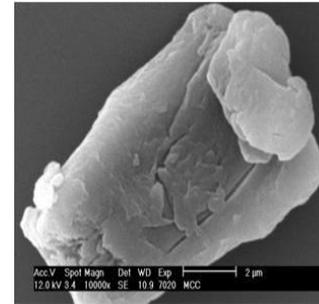
- Cellulose Nitrate (explosives)
- Cellulose acetate (film, membranes etc.)
- High grade paper (currency, security)
- Medical grade cotton (Absorbent)
- Micro Crystalline cellulose (Filler in Tablets)
- Food Casings, Felts



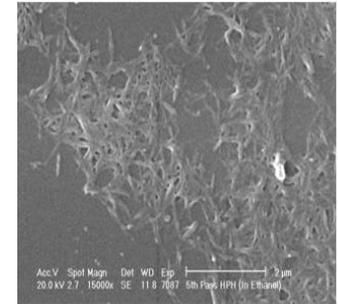
# Nanocellulose from Cotton Linters

## Nanocellulose (size < 100nm)

- ✓ High mechanical strength (1 to 10GPa)
- ✓ High young modulus (100-130GPa)
- ✓ High surface area (50-200 m<sup>2</sup>/g)
- ✓ Bio degradable
- ✓ Novel optical properties



MCC from Cotton Fibers

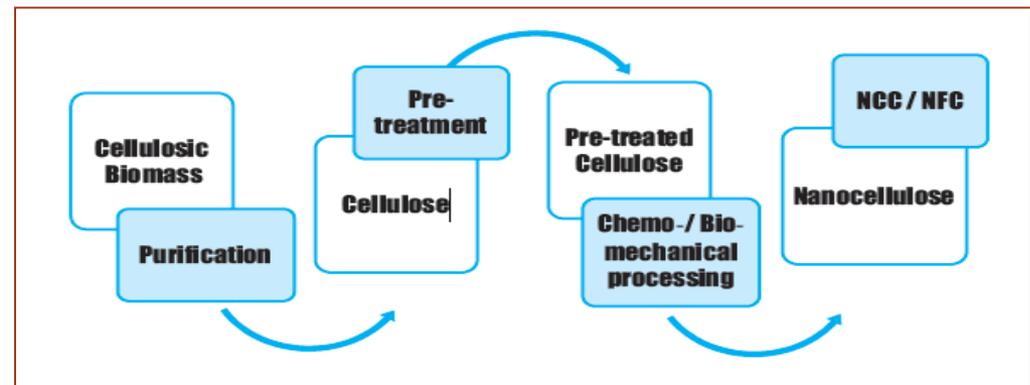


Nanofibrils

## 5<sup>th</sup> Pilot Plant in the World (1<sup>st</sup> Plant in Sweden – 2011)



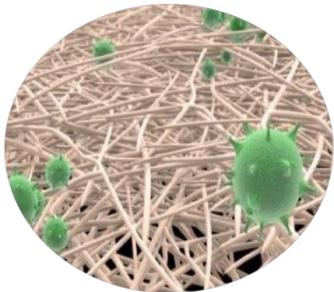
ICAR-CIRCOT pilot plant with capacity of 10kg/day



ICAR-CIRCOT Process

# Applications of Nanocellulose

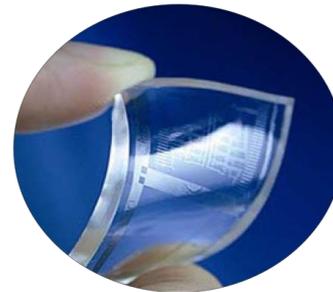
**Virus filtration**



**Emulsion/ dispersion stabilizer**



**Liquid Crystal Display**



**Non-caloric Food thickeners**



**Targeted drug delivery**



**Fillers in Cement**



**Fillers in Film**

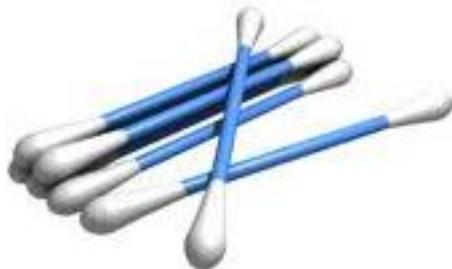


**Paper Coating & Furnish Additives**

# **Industrial Applications of short staple/comber noil cotton**

# Short staple/comber noil cotton: India's Experiences

- ❑ Availability : **0.25 million tonne** annually
- ❑ Properties: staple length < 20 mm, MIC: 3-5; strength: 25g/tex Trash: 0.1-0.25%
- ❑ Commercial Uses: **Surgical Cotton, medicated cotton, Cotton Ball, Ear buds, wadings, security paper, currency notes, blend for coarse yarn and OE spinning for denim production**
- ❑ Under Trials: **Technical Textiles, etc.**



# Standard of Absorbent cotton

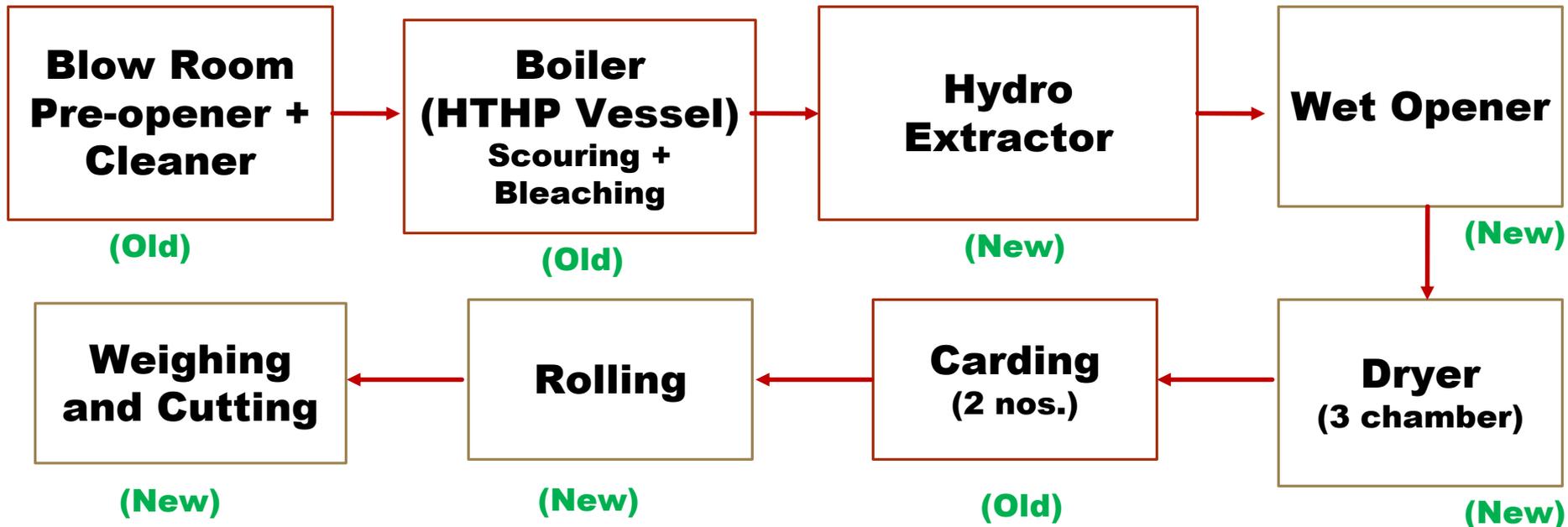
<b>Raw Material</b>	<b>Virgin Cotton/Comber noil</b>
<b>Sinking Time/absorbency</b>	<b>&lt; 10 Sec</b>
<b>Water Holding Capacity</b>	<b>Not less than 24 times of It's weight in water</b>
<b>Ether Soluble Substances</b>	<b>Max 0.50 %</b>
<b>Water Soluble Substances/Per 5g</b>	<b>Not more than 0.50%</b>
<b>Alcohol Extract</b>	<b>Colorless</b>
<b>Sulphate Ash</b>	<b>Max 0.40%</b>
<b>Surface Active Substances</b>	<b>Max 2mm</b>
<b>Mercury</b>	<b>None when examined under ultraviolet light</b>
<b>Odor</b>	<b>Odorless</b>
<b>Foreign Matter</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Extractable Coloring Matters</b>	<b>Negative</b>
<b>Moisture (%)</b>	<b>8</b>

# Absorbent Cotton Preparation Process

- i. Bale opening- manual or machine
- ii. Pre-cleaning & opening- cleaner
- iii. Kier/HTHP bleaching (100 °C Temp and 4 bar pressure using wetting agent, NaOH and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ )
- iv. Neutralization and Hydro extraction
- v. Wet opening
- vi. Drying
- vii. Carding
- viii. Cutting, weighing
- ix. Packaging

# Flow Chart for Absorbent Cotton Plant

- Capacity: 1.5 TPD for 3 shifts (Semi automatic can be converted to fully automatic)



# Commercial utilization: Absorbent Cotton

A	Capital Investment (1.5 TPD Capacity)	INR (Mn.)	USD
	Land and Building (Land Area: 1000 sq. m; Building for Machinery: 600 Sq. M ; Material storage area:200 Sq. M ; Office Building: 300 Sq. M)	0.50	7,692
	Plant and Equipment	4.00	61,538
	Auxiliary and Service Equipment (Electricals and handling tools)	0.50	7,692
	<b>Total investment</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>76,923</b>
B	Operational Expenses		
	Raw Material Cost for 1 year (1.5 TPD for 300 days @ Rs. 90,000 per tonne)	40.05	616,153
	Operational cost including repair and Maintenance and other charges (Rs. 40,000/tonnee) for 1 year	18.0	276,923
C	Gross Annual Income (Rs. 1,900,00/tonne)	85.5	1,315,384
	Net annual income (Rs. 50,000/tonne)	2.25	34,615
D	Payback period: <b>27 months</b>		Return on investment : <b>37%</b>

# Bottom line

- Cottonseed meal is well established product for animal feeding, however, **it can be explored as poultry and fish feed.**
- Utilization of Cottonseed oil is well established and is recognized as safe edible oil across the World
- **Bioenrichment of Hull** will enable it as good feed supplement
- Explore the option of **Absorbent cotton Production**

## Announcement

# International Training Programme

- ICAR-CIRCOT offers International Training cum Exposure programme on “Post-Harvest Processing of Cotton and value addition to crop residues” to African Nationals
- Fourth coming training programme in this series is scheduled during 19.02.2018 to 03.03.2018, Nagpur



**Thank You**

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