i) Name of the variety developed : VL Mandua 324

ii) Application/ Use : Suitable for cultivation in lower and mid hill areas of Uttarakhand State under rainfed ecology.

iii) Productivity : Its average grain yield is 20-25 q/ha.

iv) Specific benefits and impact : This variety is resistant to neck and finger blast and suitable for organic cultivation.

v) Unit cost : Breeder seed costs Rs. 54.00 per kg

vi) Developed by (Name of scientist and associated staff): Dr. Arun Gupta, Dr. C. S. Kar (Plant Breeders), Dr. H. S. Gupta (Director) and others

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