

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2248
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2016**

PARTICIPATION OF MINISTRY IN SAFETY APPRAISAL OF GM MUSTARD

**2248. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:**

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the AYUSH representatives took part in the safety appraisal process run by Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change with regard to GM mustard, which if approved, could be India's first transgenic food crop for cultivation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of how impact on Ayurveda was assessed; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a): The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous organizations under Ministry of AYUSH and National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) have been consulted by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (M/o EF&CC). The CCRAS has provided details on Brassica Species used in AYUSH system and medicinal use of DMH-11 in this regard.

(b) & (c): CCRAS, an apex autonomous organization under Ministry of AYUSH has not conducted any study on the impact of GM Mustard.

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