

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3392**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018

**GEACs approval for GM mustard**

3392. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) has given its approval for commercial cultivation of GM Mustard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact the GEAC has put some conditions for its commercial cultivation;
- (d) if so, the details of each of the conditions imposed by GEAC;
- (e) whether many activists and scientists are opposing these conditions; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and present view of the Government in the case?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) to (f) Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has not given approval for commercial cultivation of Genetically Modified (GM) Mustard.

Several representations have been received from various stakeholders, some in favour and some against regarding commercial release of GM Mustard. Pursuant to receipt of these representations, the Government has directed GEAC to re-examine the application related to commercial release of GM Mustard.

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