

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3373
ANSWERED ON- 31/03/2023

CIRCULAR ISSUED BY ICAR ON GM MUSTARD

3373 **SHRI ANEEL PRASAD HEGDE:**

Will the Minister of *Agriculture and Farmers Welfare* be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Circular by the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), restraining public officials from sharing their professional and technical opinion on GM Mustard was issued with prior concurrence of the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) and (b): No such circular restraining public officials from sharing their professional and technical opinion on GM Mustard was issued by the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR). However, a press release was issued by the ICAR clarifying the myth on GM mustard technology for the factual position in the matter.
