

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1798**  
ANSWERED ON- 04/08/2023

**PLANTING OF GM MUSTARD THROUGH ICAR**

1798 **SHRI ANEEL PRASAD HEGDE:**

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

- (a) whether Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutes have been used for planting GM mustard in Rabi season of 2022-23 and if so, whether the test results have been published, the details thereof regarding the planting locations; and
- (b) whether No Objection Certificates (NOCs) have been obtained from State Governments before planting GM mustard at these sites, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a):** ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and ICAR-Directorate of Rapeseed Mustard Research, Bharatpur (Rajasthan) have been used for testing Genetically Modified (GM) mustard in Rabi 2022-23.

As matter of environmental release of GM Mustard is Sub-Judice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, test results have not been published.

**(b):** Environmental release of GM mustard hybrid has already been accorded by the Apex body i.e. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India on the recommendation of Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee. There is no provision of obtaining No Objection Certificate from the State Governments after environmental release.

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