

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2309**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2018

**GM Mustard**

2309. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:

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

- (a) whether Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has declared that GM mustard had passed the prescribed tests and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether GEAC has recommended the commercial use of GM mustard in a submission to the environment ministry and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if so, whether an evaluation of GEAC has been made of the benefits of higher productivity vis-à-vis the risks to health and local varieties; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) to (d) The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) had recommended the commercial release of genetically modified (GM) Mustard in its 133<sup>rd</sup> meeting. This was based on the review of biosafety dossier of GM Mustard which included test on environment, health, food and feed safety. The sub-committee of the GEAC did the assessment about the productivity vis-à-vis the risk to health and local variety.

However, pursuant to receipt of several representations on various aspects related to environment, health, risk to local varieties, etc, the Government has referred the application to the GEAC for re-examination.

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