

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2060**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**RELEASE OF TOLERANT VARIETIES OF COTTON AND MUSTARD**

**2060. SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:**

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to release a herbicide tolerant and insect resistant variety of BT cotton, BG-2 RRF and highly productive and drought resistant variety of mustard, DMH-11 in Gujarat so that ordinary farmers of the State may get more benefitted;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

**(a) to (c):** Proposal for environmental release of insect resistant and herbicide tolerant Bollgard II Roundup Ready Flex (BGII RRF) cotton carrying cry1Ac, cry2Ab and cp4 epsps genes is under process with the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) under Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) as per extant rules/guidelines standard operating procedures.

MoEF&CC has recommended the environmental release of transgenic mustard hybrid DMH-11 and its parental lines. The matter of environmental release of GM Mustard is under adjudication before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

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