

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/05/2016

GM PULSES

1607. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) whether a Group of Secretaries has recommended promotion of chickpea and pigeon-pea (arhar) as GM pulses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said recommendation has been referred to the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) for their observation and approval; and
- (d) if so, the details of action taken by the GEAC in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) to (d): Group of Secretaries has recommended fast tracking of Biosafety Regulatory Level 1 (BRL1) trial and for resolving regulatory issues of GM crops. These recommendations have been shared between the Ministry and other Departments of Government of India including Ministry of Environment and Forest.

ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur has developed transgenic events for resistance against gram pod borer in chickpea and pigeonpea. Application has been submitted to Review Committee on Genetic Manipulation (RCGM) for event selection trials of four transgenic events, two each in chickpea and pigeonpea. After the selection of appropriate events and clearance of RCGM, transgenic events will be submitted to GEAC for further observation and approval of BRL1 Trial.
