

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3412  
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GM CROP TRIALS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some States including Kerala, Uttarakhand and Orissa have opposed the trials of Genetically Modified Crops and opted for organic farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to initiate a discussion with the concerned States in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Some of the State Governments such as Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh have expressed apprehensions on the safety of Bt brinjal and have called for extreme caution as Bt brinjal is the first genetically modified food crop to be introduced in the country. The Governments of Kerala and Uttarakhand have informed that they are not in favour of release of all Genetically Modified (GM) seeds. However, all the said States do work on Genetically modified crops funded by the ICAR, DBT and other agencies

(c) & (d): There is no proposal, at present to initiate discussion with the State Governments.