

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ON BIO-SAFETY CLAIMS OF GM CROP DEVELOPERS

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide any budgetary allocation for bio- safety research related to Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in farming;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to start a National Institute of Bio-Technology for the research and manpower development;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of amount allocated for above purposes?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURE DEVELOPMENT, MIISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. However, there is a budgetary allocation of Rs. 1 crore during 2010-11 for bio-safety research related to Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) to facilitate implementing Rules 1989 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to ensure safety from the use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and products thereof in research and release in the environment and compliance of biosafety procedures and guidelines.

(c) & (d) There is no proposal to undertake any projects for independent research on bio-safety claims of G.M. Crop developers and for assessing bio-safety of G.M. Crops with latest scientific protocols.