

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR BIO SAFETY RESEARCH OF GMOS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any budgetary allocation for bio-safety research related Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) in farming;
- (b) if so, the amount set aside and spent thereon during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Department of Biotechnology has taken up any projects for independent research on bio-safety claims of GM crop developers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the said Department has any projects for assessing the bio-safety of GM crops with latest scientific protocols;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the funding available from the said Department for such projects vis-À-vis GM crop development?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (ASHWANI KUMAR)

- (a) & (b) The budgetary allocations and the amount spent for bio-safety research during the last three years are Rs.200 lakhs during 2009-10; Rs.100 lakhs during 2010-11; Rs.200 lakhs during 2011-12; and Rs.200 lakhs has been proposed during the current year. No separate allocation has been made for bio-safety research related to Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in farming.
- (c) to (f) The Department of Biotechnology has not taken up any project for independent research of bio-safety claims of GM crop developers and for assessing bio-safety of GM crops with latest scientific protocols.
- (g) There is no separate funding for GM crop development projects vis-À-vis the available budgetary allocation for bio-safety research.