

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1748  
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CROP BIOTECHNOLOGY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the younger generation prefers genetic engineering as compared to agricultural biotechnology as a career; and
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage crop biotechnology education among the students?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a) There is no specific study available to indicate that Genetic Engineering is preferred by younger generation as compared to agricultural biotechnology.
- (b) Government has been encouraging the discipline of crop biotechnology through various ways including funding support under development grant, providing scholarship to under graduate students and fellowships to post graduate and Ph.D. scholars by the ICAR.