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

(a) whether any research studies funded by the Department of Bio-Technology is in progress to assess the Toxity and Consumer Safety aspects of Genetically Modified Crops;
(b) if so, the details of research Centres and name of investigators where the studies are in progress;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
(Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam. The Department of Biotechnology has funded four research projects to assess the toxicity and consumer safety aspects of Genetically Modified crops.

(b) Dr. Nagaraj Kampli, M/s. Metahelix Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd.,Bangalore; Dr. Sai Ram, M/s. JK Agri Genetics Ltd., Hyderabad; Dr. Karabi Datta, Deptt. of Botany, University of Calcutta, Kolkata; and Dr. R.K. Gupta, Mother Dairy, New Delhi are involved in research studies related to toxicity and Consumer Safety aspects of Genetically Modified maize, rice and mustard crops.

(c) & (d) Does not arise in view of the above.
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