

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON GM CROPS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government proposes a complete ban on the release of any genetically modified organisms in the environment, either for commercial cultivation or for experiments;
- (b) is so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;
- (c) if not, whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of GM crops; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)to (d) There is no proposal for complete ban on the release of genetically modified organisms in the environment either for commercial cultivation or for experiments. The Government of India is following a policy of case by case approval of genetically modified (GM) crops. In view of various concerns related to the safety, efficacy and agronomic performance of transgenic seeds, extensive evaluation and regulatory approval process takes place before any GM plant is approved for commercial cultivation.