

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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GM CROPS

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of GM (Genetically Modified) crops under contained trials as on date and the time by which these trials are likely to be completed;
- (b) Whether the Hon'ble supreme Court has issued a notice to the Union Government directing a moratorium on commercialization of GM variety of crops until a regulatory structure is put in place;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- a) The GM Crops presently under contained field trials include cotton, brinjal, cabbage, castor, cauliflower, corn, groundnut, okra, potato, rice, tomato and mustard. The contained trials would be over by December 2006 for all crops.
- (b & c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 22.9.2006 in respect of the WP NO.260/2005 in IA No. 4/2006, has directed the GEAC to withhold fresh approvals for field trials of GM crops until the matter is heard and further directions are issued by the Court.
- d) The matter is currently subjudice.