

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4775
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2018

Import of GM Soy Seed

4775. SHRI SUNIL JAKHAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether live GM soy seed has been allowed to be imported into India by Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any safety assessment was done before according such permission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by GEAC to stop such imports and fix liability on violators?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) to (d) Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has not allowed import of live Genetically Modified (GM) soy seed into India.
- (e) GEAC has requested the Directorate General of Foreign Trade to take appropriate action, and to issue suitable directives to concerned agencies not to allow import of GM soy seed or its products.
