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Rajasthan Farmer Group seeks PM's intervention to protect GM Mustard

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#Jaipur #Rajasthan In the wake of the recent attack on genetic modification (GM) mustard by anti GM activists, and to protect the rights of Indian farmers and to provide them with modern equipment in agriculture practice, Sir Chaudhary Chhoturam BKS, a farmer body of Rajasthan has sent a petition to PMO.

In the letter, BKS have shared their perspective on the false and negative allegations by anti-activist on GM Mustard and have emphasised on the fact that GM Mustard is going to be beneficial to the farming and agriculture community

GM mustard has been developed by a team led by geneticist Deepak Pental that claims to increase crop yield by 25 per cent and will reduce the price of mustard oil and relieve the oil shortage. Keeping in mind, the increasing food requirement of the country, it is important for us to increase agriculture output.

The letter also harps on the fact about the unabated farmer suicide in most part of the country due to climate change, debt-ridden farmers and their land holdings.



BKS further urges the PMO to give this technology a chance and banning trials is anti- science and we may loose out on the opportunity for second green revolution which is an integral part PM Modi`s better India dream.

While BKS understand and agree that regulation and safety of GM Mustard is an important aspect and we should not simply put this technology in the farmer`s field. Therefore, trials are critical and should be followed without any compromise and the technology should only be implemented after an approval from regulators. As long as GM Mustard meets all bio safety norms, interest of farmers should not be compromised. GM Mustard will benefit the Indian farming community.

BJP government has identified agriculture as an important area of focus. BKS has requested government`s help, support and guidance to ensure that farmer well-being is protected and sustained.

As upholder of farmer`s right and ensuring that farmers have a right to choose the best technology that assures them higher return the organisation is open to have a broader discussion with these activities who are promoting a cause that is detrimental to growth of agriculture economy and community.

BKS represents 14 crore farmers across India and is headquartered in Shikhawati belt of Rajasthan and has a membership of five lakh farmers across India.