

Centre seeks review of GM mustard

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New Delhi: Central regulator Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has asked Delhi University's Centre for Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants, which is seeking permission for the release of GM mustard, to "revise" its bio-safety report following concerns raised by farmers' bodies and NGOs.

In a written reply, environment minister Prakash Javadekar told the Lok Sabha that GEAC had recently received an application from the institute for the "environmental release" of transgenic mustard hybrid DMH.

"GEAC, in its meeting held on February 5, has directed the applicant to revise the bio-safety dossier as per comments of the sub-committee constituted by GEAC and inputs received from the department of biotechnology," the environment minister said.