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All safety issues on GM mustard addressed, says govt

Indicating strong support for transgenic mustard, the government said all public health related issues had been adequately addressed for the variety of GM mustard whose application for commercial release is pending with the central regulator. Responding to a Parliament question, environment minister Anil Madhav Dave said that safety issues were addressed through existing regulatory processes. "All members of the Genetically Engineered Appraisal Committee (GEAC) and its sub-committee are regularly and actively involved at several stages in assessment of food safety of GM mustard," Dave said while responding to a question on the nature of decisions taken by health experts in the central regulator. TNN