

India: Ban on GM crops' field trials not the solution, adequate regulation needed

The interim report of the [Technical Expert Committee](#) appointed by the Supreme Court for help in hearing a petition to ban [genetically-modified organisms](#) makes a lot of sense, except on three counts. These are: one, a blanket ban of 10 years on field trials of transgenic food crops; two, a blanket ban on field trials of transgenics in those crops for which India is a centre of origin or diversity; and three, its presumption of a conflict of interest between regulatory and developmental roles.

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