India's Ag Minister: No credible reports that GM crops harmful

There are no "credible scientific reports" to prove that genetically modified (GM) crops have adverse impact on environment, human health and livestock, the government said in Parliament on Tuesday.

"No madam, there are no credible scientific reports indicating that GM crops have adverse impact on environment, human health and livestock," Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.

He added however that the government approves GM crops for commercial cultivation after extensively evaluating bio-safety, efficacy and agronomic performance of transgenic seeds, he said.

"A final view on the commercialisation of GM crops is taken only when there is a clear economic and technical justification for release," Mr. Pawar said.

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