

10 GM crops reapproved for 'confined field trials' in India

Taking a major step forward to scientifically assess 'risk' and 'safety' aspects of transgenic crops, the Indian government's top regulator — Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) — revalidated 10 varieties of GM crops including wheat, rice, maize and cotton, and allowed multi-national seed companies to go for "confined field trials" of these varieties.

The "confined field trials" (called Phase-II trial) would take place in bigger areas as compared to previous tests in a very small tract of land during Phase-I. Companies like Monsanto, Mahyco and BASF whose applications got revalidation will, however, be able to go for field trials only after getting the state's mandatory nod.

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