

Indian government cracks down on anti-GMO activist groups, tightens control on foreign funding

The government is set to act against some anti-genetically modified (GM) NGOs named in the IB report after it cracked down on foreign funding received by Greenpeace.

The home ministry had asked the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to not allow the flow of funds into Greenpeace India from two international organizations — Greenpeace International and ClimateWorks Foundation — without its prior approval.

Official sources said Vandana Shiva of Navdanya, Suman Sahai of Gene Campaign and Kavita Kuruganti of the Alliance for Sustainable and Holistic Agriculture (ASHA) – all named in the Intelligence Bureau report – are next in line for prohibition of foreign funding.

Home ministry sources said it was examining whether these organisations also violated norms of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) that say foreign funds can only be used for the purposes they had been provided. “Funds meant for education cannot be used for advocacy,” a government functionary said.

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