

## Biotech industry body defends India's Intelligence Bureau report as NGOs cry foul

With the NGOs raising a question whether the Intelligence Bureau is being used by foreign hands to take over India's vital seed sector, an industry body representing agriculture biotechnology companies on Friday came out in defence of the government's agency saying the recent IB report on foreign funded NGOs confirms a "longstanding suspicion" of the industry.

"Over Rs 10,500 crore public and private sector investments are in jeopardy due to NGO activism," said the industry body, Association of Biotech Led Enterprises – Agriculture Group (ABLE-AG). It said, "Sustained campaign has led to derailment of vital genetically modified (GM) technology in India, depriving millions of Indian farmers of opportunity to enhance their economic and social lives. The IB report appropriately and comprehensively exposes NGOs."

The remark, supporting IB findings, came even as NGO representatives charged India's internal intelligence agency with favouring 'foreign hand' to promote the interest of multi-national seed company Monsanto. "The IB report quotes Ronald Herring of Cornell University who promotes GMOs and the monopoly of Monsanto. It is ironic that the IB report relies on the evidence of Herring with his antecedents in Cornell University, a hub of blind GMO promotion," said a joint statement issued by Aruna Rodrigues, Kavitha Kuruganti and Vandana Shiva.

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