

Indian regulators may consider socio-economic factors when assessing GMO crops

With the debate on genetically modified (GM) crops getting intense, the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) is considering the option of putting in place guidelines for socio-economic assessment to judge proposed GM varieties on the basis of factors such as economy, health, environment, society and culture.

“Guidelines on socio-economic considerations will make it easier for the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee to decide whether a proposed GM variety should be allowed and help in lessening acrimonious debates between various stakeholders,” a government official told *BusinessLine*. . . .

The move to come up with socio-economic considerations is in line with the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol (of which India is a signatory) on safe handling, transport and use of living modified organisms or GMs.

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