

## Indian officials call on researchers to produce GMO chickpea within two years

Director-General of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) Trilochan Mohapatra has asked agricultural scientists to double their work on breaking yield barriers in pulses production and help the country not only achieve self sufficiency in the field but also tap into the export market for pulses.

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Dr. Mohapatra said that the Prime Ministers Office (PMO) is . . . concerned about the low production levels of the pulses and the dependence of the country on the imports of pulses to meet demand. He added that the PMO has issued a dictum to ICAR and DARE to work to improve the yield of the pulses and achieve self sufficiency in the production.

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Dr. Mohapatra said that in the past decade, “We have been telling the government that we will come out with transgenic varieties of pulses and till date, no progress has been made on this front. . . . Our scientists must ensure that they come out with a transgenic variety of chickpeas within two years.”

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