

Will GMO mustard suffer same fate as GMO eggplant in India?

With the deadline of submitting comments of stakeholders on genetically modified mustard... coming to an end... both anti and pro-GM groups have stepped up their efforts to bring finer points of their respective arguments in public domain.

...[A]nti-GM groups have ... made lot of noise against transgenic variety of mustard ... refreshing the memory of their protests against Bt brinjal held seven years ago.

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Since the public opinion ...played key role in forcing the ... government to ...[impose a] moratorium on the release of the transgenic brinjal, the anti-GM activists currently appear to be quite eager to repeat the feat in case of [GM](#) mustard.

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The decision of the GEAC on the commercial release of the GM mustard will come only after analysing comments of stakeholders. Even if GEAC gives its approval... the final call will be taken by the environment minister Anil Madhav Dave.

“...[T]he environment minister may sit on the file for as long as he wishes. ... the fate of the transgenic variety of mustard will depend on the political call of the government”, said an official — in an indication that the government is staring at the Bt brinjal moment of 2009 before taking its final decision on GM mustard.

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