

## India's National Academy of Agriculture Sciences backs commercialization of GM mustard

Agriculture scientists came out in the open on Monday, backing the indigenous genetically modified mustard, which they said would lead to the creation of better and high-yielding hybrids.

The National Academy of Agriculture Sciences (NAAS), with 625 members, adopted a resolution on the commercialisation of GM mustard, seeking immediate release of the crop in the field.

[T]he academy also wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, backing the indigenous GM crop.

Developed by researchers at the Delhi University, GM mustard had received a regulatory approval from the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee — India's highest regulator for biotechnology products — under the Union environment ministry [May 2017].

The final decision, however, is pending with Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan. The modified variety, DMH-11, has 20-30% higher yield than the mustard hybrids approved by the government as the benchmark varieties (national and zonal checks).

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