

## Farmer coalition in India urges government to stop illegal GMO crop cultivation

A clutch of farmer groups from a wide spectrum of political views .... are planning to petition the official regulator to stop the proliferation of “illegal” genetically modified (GMO) crops in [India].

The groups are also demanding strict action against set-ups, companies and firms that are misleading farmers and have called for breaking the nexus of “illegal” GM seed production and supply networks.

Citing, the recent instance of farmers publicly planting the banned [herbicide-tolerant] cotton seeds in parts of Maharashtra and Haryana along with [GMO eggplant] without requisite permissions, the groups said if this was allowed to proliferate, farmers won't have any other option but to go for a big agitation.

In the letter written to the Chairperson of Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee, A K Jain, the farmer groups said that GM Technology is dangerous, unnecessary and a costly distraction from real solutions that farmers want and need.

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