

‘Challenge the poultry mafia’? Criticism of Pakistan’s food security minister who claims GM soybeans are toxic and linked to cancer mounts

Some statements deserve to be ridiculed. [Recently,] the honorable Federal Minister for Food Security [in Pakistan] made one such comment. Remarking on the recent increase in the price of poultry products, the minister pleaded that the public should stop consuming poultry products, as the birds are raised on feed that is poisonous and causes cancer.

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In a developed society, it would be presumed that a minister would make such statements after reviewing mountains of incontrovertible evidence. If a minister has sufficient cause to believe that poultry meat and farm eggs cause cancer, then mere ‘suggestions’ are not enough. He has the power to – and must – ban all poultry meat immediately. Unless of course, you do not live in a developed society, where it is possible – nay, likely – that a minister could make such comments based on mere hearsay.

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Unless of course the ministry has no such advisory from the food safety experts. Surely, the thousand-strong workforce commanded under the National Food Security and Research division can produce one research study (or even a study of studies) documenting evidence that genetically modified food poses risks to human or animal health.

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