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Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
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New Delhi-110003

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GENETIC ENGINEERING APPRAISAL COMMITTEE (GEAC)
INVITES COMMENTS FOR THE PROPOSAL ON AUTHORISATION OF

**Environmental release of Genetically Engineered Mustard (*Brassica juncea*)
hybrid DMH-11 and use of parental events (Varuna bn 3.6 and EH-2 modbs 2.99)
for development of new generation hybrids**

The Centre for Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants (CGMCP), University of Delhi South Campus, New Delhi has applied for the approval of environmental release of Genetically Engineered mustard (*Brassica juncea*) hybrid DMH-11 and use of parental events (Varuna bn 3.6 and EH-2 modbs 2.99) for the development of new generation hybrids to the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEF&CC), Government of India.

In India all genetically engineered organisms and products thereof are regulated as per “Rules for Manufacture, Use/Import/Export & Storage of Hazardous Micro-organisms/GE organisms or cells, 1989” notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. As per the provisions of Rules, 1989, the biosafety dossier submitted by CGMCP, University of Delhi South Campus has been received by GEAC. GEAC has constituted a sub-committee of scientific experts to thoroughly examine the biosafety data submitted by the applicant.

The sub-committee has examined the dossier on food safety, environmental safety, compliance etc. and has prepared a document “Assessment of Food and Environmental Safety (AFES)” for Environmental release of GE Mustard (*Brassica juncea*) hybrid DMH-11 and use of parental events (Varuna bn3.6 and EH2 modbs 2.99) for development of new generation hybrids.

The document prepared by the sub-committee is hereby placed on the website for comments by stakeholders and general public for a period of 30 days. The comments received will be reviewed by the sub-committee and GEAC prior to taking appropriate decision.

The full biosafety dossier submitted by the applicant is available in the GEAC Secretariat at MoEFCC, V-232, Second Floor, Vayu Block, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh, New Delhi-110 003. Any person interested in studying the same can access the dossier during working hours in person by prior appointment during the public consultation period.

MoEFCC welcomes comments (written submissions) through email in the prescribed format at mustard.mef@gov.in.

Submissions will be received upto the close of working hours i.e. 5.30 PM on 05.10.2016.