

**Agenda for the 91<sup>ST</sup> meeting of the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee to be held on 14.1.2009 at 11.00 AM.**

- Date : 14.1.2009
- Venue : Room No. 623
- Time : 11.00 AM
- Agenda item No. 1 : Leave of absence
- Agenda item No. 2 : Confirmation of Minutes of 90<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the GEAC held on 12.11.2008.
- Agenda item No. 3 : Action taken report on the decision taken in the 90<sup>th</sup> GEAC meeting.

**Agenda Item No 4: Policy Issue:**

- 4.1 Recommendations of the Sub committee constituted by the Ministry to operationalize the 'event based approval mechanism' adopted by the GEAC in its meeting held on 2.4.2008.

**Agenda Item No 5: Discussion on Bt brinjal proposal under Large Scale Trials.**

- 5.1 Presentation by Director, IIVR, Varanasi on large scale field trials and other related studies with Bt brinjal expressing Cry 1 Ac gene developed by M/s Mahyco, Mumbai.

**Agenda Item No 6: Consideration of Applications for MLRT/strip trials and experimental seed production of transgenic crops expressing new genes/events as recommended by the RCGM.**

- 6.1 Permission to conduct confined field trials (Biosafety Research Trials I ) on two Bt sorghum lines containing cry 1B gene NRCSCRY1B event 4 and NRCSCRY 1B event 19 along with non transgenic lines (M35-1) and natural resistance germplasm line (IS 2205) developed by National Research Centre for Sorghum (NRCS), Hyderabad within the institutional research farm.
- 6.2 Permission to conduct contained field trials (Elite Event selection trials) of 41 Bt rice lines expressing cry 1 Ab, cry 1 Ca and bar genes developed by Bayer Bioscience Limited at their own R&D centre in Hyderabad.

**Agenda Item No 7: Consideration of applications for Renewal of GEAC Permission for Commercial cultivation of Bt cotton of approved gene events *expressing cry 1Ac* gene (Mon-531 event) & *cry 1Ac* & *Cry 2 Ab* genes (Mon-15985 event) in North, Central and South zones.**

- 7.1 Renewal of GEAC permission for commercial cultivation of MRC-6025 Bt and MRC-6029 Bt cotton hybrid *expressing cry 1Ac* gene (Mon-531 event) in **North** zone developed by M/s. Mahyco.
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- 7.2 Renewal of GEAC permission for commercial cultivation of RCH-308 & RCH-314 Bt cotton hybrid *expressing cry 1Ac* gene (Mon-531 event) in **North** zone developed by M/s. Rasi Seeds.
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- 7.3 Renewal of GEAC permission for commercial cultivation of MRC-7347 BGII, MRC-7301 BGII and MRC-7326 BGII cotton hybrid *expressing cry 1Ac & Cry 2 Ab* genes (Mon-15985 event) in **Central** zone developed by M/s. Mahyco.
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- 7.4 Renewal of GEAC permission for commercial cultivation of VICH 5Bt (**Central and South**) and VICH-9 Bt cotton hybrid *expressing cry 1Ac* gene (Mon-531 event) in **Central** zone developed by M/s. Vikram Seeds Ltd.
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- 7.5 Renewal of GEAC permission for commercial cultivation of GK-205 and GK-204 Bt cotton hybrid *expressing cry 1Ac* gene (Mon-531 event) in **Central** zone developed by M/s. Ganga Kaveri Seeds Pvt. Ltd.
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- 7.6 Renewal of GEAC permission for commercial cultivation of GK-207 and GK-209 Bt cotton hybrid *expressing cry 1Ac* gene (Mon-531 event) in **South** zone developed by M/s. Ganga Kaveri Seeds Pvt. Ltd.
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- 7.7 Renewal of GEAC permission for commercial cultivation of MRC-7351 BGII and MRC-7201 BGII Bt cotton hybrid *expressing cry 1Ac & Cry 2 Ab* genes (Mon-15985 event) in **South** zone developed by M/s. Mahyco.

**Agenda Item No 8: Other Items.**

- 8.1 Discussion on the draft proposal for setting up a National Centre for Assessment of GMOs prepared by Dr. P. M. Bhargava.
- 8.2 Representation from Greenpeace regarding illegal import of GM foods.

**Agenda Item No 9: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.**

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***Information to project proponents: Proponents who wish to present their case/views before the GEAC may be available during the meeting on 14.1.2009.***