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Sh. Manmohan Singh Ji  
Hon'ble Prime Minister  
Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Re: Introduction of BRAI bill 2011 in the Parliament

Respected Dr. Singh,

This has reference to the Government's intention to introduce the Biotechnology Regulatory Authority of India Bill in Parliament in near future. Please find attached request letter submitted by Shree Pankaj Bhushan, Convener, GM Free Bihar Movement, which is self explanatory. I have perused the contents of bill and noticed that it appears too centralized and thereby contradictory to the principle of increasing decentralization of governance.

I am also concerned about the intent behind the Bill when many states including Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Odisa, Karnataka, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala seem to have rejected any kind of trials of genetically modified seeds. I am given to understand that the Bihar Government has even gone a step further in conveying its stand on GM field trials in Bihar to the Environment Ministry and also stating that it will not allow it to be over ridden by any draconian bill.

I believe you will approach this issue judiciously since many factors like our farmers and agriculture will bear the brunt if this Bill becomes Law. Hope the government has also taken appropriate feedback from different states-especially where another leg of green revolution is being initiated for our food security. I would also welcome if due public opinion is generated through debates to invite critical inputs before the bill is introduced in Parliament.

Thanking you and best regards.

Yours faithfully,

  
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