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Dr. Manmohan Singhji Hon'ble Prime Minister 7, Race Course Road New Delhi-11

Sub: BRAI Bill 2011.

Respected Sir,

This has reference to the government's intention to introduce the Biotechnology Regulatory Authority of India Bill in Parliament. At the outset I express my exception to the such proposal which appears totally contradictory to the principle of decentralization.

I am also concerned about the very purpose of the intended Bill which is being opposed tooth and nail by various States including Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Odisa, Karnataka, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala, where there is also a public opinion that it is going to be a draconian law.

Your personal stand must we know please as many factors like our farmers, agriculture and our healths will bear the brunt if this Bill finally becomes Law. I believe we need to talk on this very sensitive issue before it gos to Parliament for the Bill must have a total liability regime that covers compensation, penalties and remediation in addition to a labeling regime that protects every citizen's right to informed choices and safe food.

Concerned that I am that the draft of the bill was never opened up for public debate, I am also enclosing a letter submitted by Mr. Pankaj Bhushan, co-convener, ASHA (National Alliance for Sustainable & Holistic Agriculture), which is self explanatory.

Thanking you.

With best regards,

Ram Sundar Das) 12/12/2011

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