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**Sub: URGENT ALERT TO GEAC ABOUT POSSIBLE ILLEGAL CULTIVATION OF GM SOY IN GUJARAT, FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION IF PROVEN CORRECT**

Date: 20th October, 2017

To:

Dr. Amita Prasad,  
Chairperson,  
Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC),  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, JorBagh,  
New Delhi.

Sub: Illegal Cultivation of Herbicide Tolerant Soybean in Gujarat

Madam,

Through some sources in our network, we have reliably learnt that Herbicide Tolerant GM soybean is being cultivated illegally in Gujarat. It is not clear what is the extent or for how many seasons has this been underway, but from oral interviews with the growers, it is apparent that such 'weedguard' soybean has been sprayed directly with glyphosate without any damage to the crop.

We are bringing this information to your urgent notice, since it is also learnt that harvesting has been done of the crop by at least three farmers. Such HT soybean is being cultivated in the villages near Modasa block of Aravalli district of Gujarat. We are sending herewith recently harvested plants with pods for testing by you and urgent action. The sample was collected today. Name of the seed trader, farmers and villages will be given on your request separately.

The farmers have told that it is sold to them without any money bill and brand name. It is being referred to as "Weedguard" soybean and a verbal guarantee was given that it is tolerant to Glyphosate. We have also come to know that it has been sold by a local seed trader located in Deep area in Modasa Town. THE SAME SUPPLIER IS ALSO TRYING TO BUY THE HARVEST AS SEED STOCK FOR NEXT SEASON. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, AS OF NOW THE HARVEST (ESTIMATED TO BE 2-4 TONNES) IS LYING WITH THE FARMERS AND MAY BE SOLD AS SEED VERY SOON EVEN TO