

# GMO Survey - iGEM IIT Madras

Genetically Modified Foods/Organisms refer to the organisms (e.g. plants, bacteria etc.), which have either extra genes from other organisms or have lost few genes. Such modifications are performed to improve the quality of organism and related products. In India, Bt cotton is the only GM crop, which have been given approval for field cultivation. Apart from Bt cotton, 20-25 GM crops are undergoing open field trial in India. Though GM technology has the potential to revolutionize the food and farming industry, it imposes certain risks as well e.g. if GM organism is in the environment, it is almost impossible to pull it out completely from the environment.

**\*Required**

**1. What is your profession? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Student
- Professor
- Research scholar

**2. What is your department? \***

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**3. Have you heard of genetically modified organisms? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

**4. Are you aware of the risks and benefits of GM organisms? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

**5. Are you willing to consume Genetically Modified (GM) products (for example GM foods)? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

6. **Are you aware that 93% of cotton grown in India is from a cotton plant modified with a gene from a bacterium (Bt cotton)? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

7. **Should GMO products be labelled as such? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

8. **Considering that the majority of people in India are involved in agriculture, should private companies be allowed to have patents over GM agricultural products (like Bt brinjal, Bt cotton etc.) \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

9. **Please submit personal opinions (if any) about GM technology below**

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