# Hindu Dharma Achara Sabha

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**Your Holiness** 

My Pranams!!

Sensitive awareness and meaningful living, protecting the needs and requirements of all organisms is necessary for a human being to live a symbiotic life. Life is symbiotic and we have to respect all the elements of nature. The disrespect or tampering with the natural ecological flow will not only harm other living beings, it harms us also. We cannot live holistically by disturbing or tampering them.

What is GM Seeds?

A new biotechnology has been developed to intrinsically change the genetic compositions of naturally existing seeds / plants. This technology mixes up genes of some insects / some other plants with the genes of a given seeds and thereby yielding to permanent intrinsic change in the genetic composition of a given seed.

Few multinational companies (Monsato etc.), who are into this technology claim to enhance the quantity and quality of a given variety. However, though their claims and intensions appear to be whelming, other two possibilities are highly detrimental to humanity and to the nation.

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[a] The holistic impact of this GM modified seeds and crops on human body is not completely studied. It is often found that these seeds are more harmful than beneficial.

[b] In fact these seeds are developed in such a way, that from the produce, one cannot get the seeds. Meaning, farmers will be required to purchase these seeds every year and thereby they will have to depend upon these multinational companies for supply as well as the price. These multinationals will get total control on the seed supply of all the crops and flowers. It is a huge economy. Moreover, it has also been found that these GM seeds affect the natural structure of the land and sometimes it damages the agriculture land as well.

The complete study of ecological impact of these seeds has not been carried out so far. Many research scholars / institutes have opined that this technology is very detrimental to human health, often it is unpredictable and uncontrollable.

It has been proved beyond doubt that our farmlands are significantly damaged by indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and chemical pesticides. These chemicals not only has affected the quality of the crop, but has adversely affected, caused afflictions and serious diseases to human being. It has affected the natural immune system and immunity has gone low. Punjab state is a glaring example of these effects. In Punjab, we find whole village affected by grave diseases like cancer etc. The train from Bhatinda to Bikaner is often colloquially referred as "Cancer Express".

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On one hand, our agriculture universities, supported and financed by Government of India are working to improve the seed quality in a natural way. I feel that without GM technology, our agro-scientists and researchers are intelligent and capable enough to add strength to improve the natural composition of the seeds. The crops produced from these seeds will produce new seeds which farmer can use on their own and needs not buy seeds every year. And on the other hand government is considering to introduce GM seeds in our country.

Exhaustive information regarding GM seeds and their side effects is available on net. Your Holiness may spare some time and look into the salient points and may consider to advice the Government to refrain from introducing GM seeds.

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