

Cancellation of field trials of GM mustered

In the month of February 2012 through RTI Kisan Sewa Samiti got an information that in three districts of Rajasthan (Alwar, Bharatpur and Ganganagar) field trials of GM mustard took place. These trials were conducting without taking any clearance from environment department which is mandatory for any field trials of GM.

Kisan Sewa Samiti again organized meetings with and dialogue with farmers, media, political leaders and ministry of agriculture to sensitize them on this issue. They met leaders of opposition party to put this issue during the assembly session which was going on. KSS also wrote letters to both Chief Minister and Agriculture Minister to cancel the field trials. Both electronic and print media gave proper space to this issue.

Outcome

After a month struggle, in the end of March 2012 the agriculture minister directed the agriculture department for cancellation the field trials of GM mustard.