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3.	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh
4.	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	West Bengal
5.	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras	Tamil Nadu
6.	Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	Assam
7.	Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee	Uttarakhand
8.	Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar	Odisha
9.	Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar	Gujarat
10.	Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
11.	Indian Institute of Technology, Patna	Bihar
12.	Indian Institute of Technology, Rajasthan	Rajasthan
13.	Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar	Punjab
14.	Indian Institute of Technology, Indore	Madhya Pradesh
15.	Indian Institute of Technology, Mandii	Himachal Pradesh
16.	Indian Institute of Technology, BHU, Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh

Scientific research on G.M. crops

876. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are various reports saying that the GM crops do not spell increased crop production and also need long term scientific research on these crops impact on human health;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the Government's action in this regard before pushing GM crops seeds into full fledged, market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. There are some reports; mainly from activists stating

that Genetically Modified (GM) crops do not necessarily increase production and also that there is a need to increase the duration of bio-safety testing.

(b) The benefits of GM crops need to be viewed necessarily from the perspective of yield enhancement. Several traits provide advantages of pesticide reduction, drought tolerance, salinity tolerance, disease tolerance, nutritional enhancement etc., which result in overall benefits that the GM traits confer to the farming community. Enhancement in production in GM crops is realized indirectly, while reducing the losses due to abiotic and biotic stresses. Globally, various scientific reviews on GM food bio-safety have concluded that GM crops did not have any adverse impact on human health.

(c) The bio-safety testing protocols are being re-examined critically while reviewing the bio-safety regulations being followed in different countries in a scientific perspective for possible refinement. However, Bt cotton only GM crop has been released in India since 2002 and found economically beneficial to farmers and biosafe as well.

University status for women's college of AMU

†877. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to make the women's college of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) an independent University in the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

Hindi department in State universities

†878. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of State-established universities in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the State-established universities that are not having department of Hindi;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.