

## **THE PERIL OF G.M. FOODS!**

**Recently** it came into light that some farmers of Patia region of Fatebad district of Haryana have been cultivating G.M.Brinjal and that they are unaware that they are cultivating G.M.Brinjal cultivation. They have bought the G.M.brinjal saplings from the local seed-sapling dealers.

In our country G.M. food cultivation is banned up to Feb 2020 and that there is no permission for cultivation of G.M.foods or selling seeds/saplings in the market. But the G.M. saplings have been unauthorizedly and illegally entered in to our country and sold to innocent farmers and G.M.Brinjals are introduced and sold in the markets.

It is the Mahyco the subsidiary of gaint monopoly trans-national corporation Monsanto that is the producer of these G.M.brinjals. As it has no permission to sell them in India it will be illegal and criminal to introduce and sell G.M.food in India. But it appears that since Mahyco got permission to sell and cultivate B.T.brinjal in Bangladesh, it made the B.T.brinjal saplings from Bangladesh to be introduced in Haryana markets to innocent farmers and thus started the cultivation in India even before a permission is granted to it.

It is also apparent that with such illegal introduction of B.T.brinjal cultivation in to India the Monsanto through its subsidiary, is unethically preparing a ground for B.T.cultivation in India, and to pressurize India to grant per-mission for B.T.brinjal cultivation.

In this connection it would not be wrong to say that Mahyco cannot by itself unauthorziedly and illegally introduce B.T.brinjal saplings through sapling vendors in to India without the active cooperation of concerned govern-mental regulatory authorities and their wilful connivance.

The G.E.A.C, the regulatory committee to arrest illegal B.T.food cultivation and sales in India is conveniently keeping a friend eye to this illegal introduction of G.M.brinjal/food cultivation and thus abandons from its basic duty of protecting the Indian people-the consumers from health problems attendant to G.M.foods.

Though developed countries in Europe and countries like Japan have banned cultivation/sales of G.M.foods in their countries since they are harmful to the people's health, our Indian rulers and governmental regulatory authorities of our country are lenient in this issue and are more prone on granting permission to B.T.food crops and food commerce in India.

It has not been clearly proved that B.T.foods are not harmful to the health of the people. Many prominent and honest scientists have been warning the B.T.foods are harmful to the health of consumers and that the harmful and perilous effects of G.M.food will not appear immediately, but they are evident only in the long run.

But instead of taking severe action against those who illegally introduced B.T.brinjal saplings in to India and sold to the innocent farmers in India, the government blames the innocent farmers as have cultivated illegal B.T.brinjal cultivation and by destroying their crops announces that the peril of B.T.brinjal cultivation is eradicated. Thus it was the innocent farmers that were made criminals and victims for the failures of rulers and made them to incur loss.

On the other hand the pro G.M.lobby, with the support of the G.M.food seeds producing and selling Mansanto Company are launching spurious protests of so-called farmer associations and announcing further protests against governments ban in B.T.food cultivation on the spurious plea that the farmers who are in distress in our country are denied to reap the benefits of genetically modified crops.

However genetically modified food substances have already entered in to our food chain illegally and unauthorizedly.

With the introduction of B.T.cotton cultivation, the B.T.cotton seed oil is extracted from this plant and is being made consumed in many parts of India especially in Gujarat and Maharashtra. Not only this, Canola oil and soyabean oil are both extracted from imported seeds which are produced in India from genetically modified crops.

The government and regulatory authorities are keeping a blind eye about this illegal introduction of B.T. substances in to our food chain, knowingly.

Such has been the peril of G.M.foods introduction in India and this peril is not of their illegal introduction, but even if they are legally permitted this peril will not cease.

But our rulers and governments who are not interested of our people but are serving the imperialists because of their very class-nature, they are interested to facilitate the introduction of G.M.foods by hook or crook. That is the real peril to be fought out!

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