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Interview Questionnaire

1. What are your views on Genetic Engineering as a biotechnology tool used for modifying life?
2. What is your take on application of GE in agriculture?
3. Can the controversies and criticism, on GMCs hamper their growth in our country effecting our agriculture and economy?
4. What should be the role of scientists on this issue?
5. Climate ready genes, Enhanced nitrogen fixing ability, drought resistant, stress resistant crops, sound great opportunity in future agricultural scenario. What is your take on these?
6. Herbicide tolerant and Insect resistant GMCs can go a long way in increasing agriculture produce by decreasing the pest attacks and plant diseases. Do you agree?
7. GM crops are claimed to reduce the pesticide and weedcide usage in fields. Is it true to your knowledge?
8. MNCs have taken leap in area of GM crops, What according to you is the reason behind it?
9. What is your opinion on IPRs on GMCs?
10. Internationally GMC acceptance has been varied. According to you, GMCs is good opportunity for Indian Agriculture or not and why?
11. On the ecological front, do you term GM crops as genetic pollutants or Genetic advancements?
12. What are your views on biosafety issues and health concerns regarding GM food?
13. Is it right to term all GM food unsafe on the basis of few bad experiences?
14. What is your take on Bt brinjal controversy?
15. Is government handling this ticklish issue responsibly?
16. Are the laws and rules governing GMCs adequate?
17. Is there any study or analysis done by government on the projected gains or increased yield by GMCs?
18. According to you, is Indian populace ready for GM food?
19. Who according to you is most responsible in forming opinion of common man over GMCs?
20. What is the role of NGOs in affecting the opinion of common man as well as on the issue in general?
21. Is it more of ethical or scientific decision?
22. Who do you think should be held responsible for GM crop cultivation and its after effects in our country?
23. Who would pay if any damage is caused to ecology or human health due to use of GMCs?
24. According to you, Bt cotton, only GMC grown in India, was a success or a failure and why?
25. Do you relate GMCs more with hope or risk and Why?
26. What is the harm if we don’t adopt GMCs for another 20 years?
27. Under current scenario if not GMC, how do we expect to meet our growing food demand and keep pace on development path?