

SEMI STRUCTURED INTERVIEW OF FARMERS

The following questionnaire has been prepared for research on the topic “A study of Rights of farmers with reference to IPR and Laws relating to Seed in India.” The researcher intends to study the effect in change of the cost of production and yield due to new types of seeds adopted by the farmers for cultivation and to see their impact on quality of soil and does this GM seeds involve more technicalities in terms of cultivation process along with applicable laws related to seeds and provide your suggestions. The questionnaire includes open-ended as well as close-ended questions which may be filled up accordingly. (i.e. for open-ended questions, kindly give your personal opinion while for close-ended questions, kindly select one of the options given against the question). The information provided shall be used for research purpose only and details of the subject shall be kept confidential.

Part - A

Personal Details

1. Name: _____
 2. Address: _____
 3. Taluka / District: _____
 4. Qualification: _____ 5. Age: _____
 6. Size of Land (approximately): _____
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Part – B

A. Farming

1. How many years farming experience you have? years
2. Do you know about any law relating seed? Yes No
3. If yes, Please name them.

4. Which crops do you grow?

5. What do you use for agriculture? Graft Seeds
6. Which seeds do you use?
 - a. Saved seeds
 - b. GM seeds
 - c. Any other

B. Saved Seeds

7. If you save seeds, how you preserve them?
 - a. Traditional Method
 - b. Any Other Method
8. Do you save seeds?

9. What is the cost of saving seeds? Rs.
10. How do you procure new saved seeds for the new crop?
 - a. Use your own saved seeds
 - b. Barter from farmer friend
11. Do you use GM seeds for the same land? Yes No
12. If No, why? _____

C. Genetically Modified Seeds

13. If you are using GM seeds, since when are you using it? Years
14. Which companies GM seeds do you purchase?
- a. b.
- c. d.
15. What is the cost of GM Seeds? Rs. / grams

D. Effect on soil

16. Are you aware about the effect of GM seed on the soil? Yes No
17. Is GM seed degrading the quality of your soil? Yes No

E. Yields

18. How much yield did you get after using GM seeds? Packet (gms)/ yield (in Quintals)
19. How much yield have you got when you used saved seeds? Packet (gms)/ yield (in Quintals)

F. Fertilizers

20. Which fertilizer is required for saved seeds?
- a. Chemical only b. Organic only c. Both
21. Which fertilizer is required for GM seeds?
- a. Chemical only b. Organic only c. Both
22. Do you require more quantity of fertilizer while using GM seeds as compared to saved seeds?
- Yes

G. Training

23. Were you trained for using GM seeds? Yes No
24. If yes, has that training helped you for better production? Yes No

H. Subsidy

25. Do you receive subsidy from government for using GM seeds? Yes No

I. Experience with GM seed

26. How was your experience with GM seed? Good Bad
27. Have you experienced crop failure because of the use of GM seeds? Yes No
28. If yes, were you compensated for the crop failure? Yes No
29. If yes, who compensated? Government Company
30. How much compensation is given Rs.

J. Opinion

31. If the new Act comes it would be compulsory for farmers to register their seed before selling it, as a farmer would agree to it? Yes No
32. If government makes the use of GM seed compulsory and completely bans the use of saved seeds, is it good idea? Yes No