

Bill on independent regulator for biotech sector introduced in Lok Sabha

A Bill that provides for setting up the Biotechnology Regulatory Authority of India (BRAI) for regulating the research, transport, import, manufacture and the use of organisms and products of modern biotechnology was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

The Biotechnology Regulatory Authority of India Bill, 2013, provides for the setting up of an inter-ministerial governing board to oversee the performance of the proposed BRAI.

It will also provide for setting up the Biotech Advisory Council to render strategic advice to the authority on matters relating to developments in modern biotechnology and their implications in India.

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The proposed BRAI would be the nodal agency of the Government to ensure comprehensive safety assessment of organisms and biotech products.

It would regulate the trials preceding the clinical trials in the health sector and the present mechanism for regulating clinical trials would continue.

It will also help India keep pace in regulatory measures with the rapid technology advancement in biotechnology and at the same time ensure safety to human and animal health and environment.

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