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**Title : Agri minister open to GM crops to hike yield**

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Agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh is open to the idea of using genetically modified technology to increase farm productivity, saying the government will go for it “if it is absolutely necessary”. After taking charge of his ministry, Singh on Wednesday hinted at the possibility and spelt out his plan to launch big-ticket schemes in the farm sector including a nation-wide “rural irrigation programme“ and a “new insurance scheme” to protect farmers’ income in case of crop failure.

Singh’s stand on GM technology is in tune with his party’s position over this controversial issue as the BJP doesn’t oppose the move. TNN