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“The Status of Commercialized Bt Brinjal in Bangladesh”
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It is a pleasure to share a complimentary copy of the most recent Brief, published by ISAAA on the status of commercialized Bt brinjal in Bangladesh. Brief 47 presents a thorough review and analysis of the deregulation of Bt brinjal– from the scientific and biosafety assessment and commercial release to the planting of Bt brinjal by farmers in Bangladesh. It encapsulates the testimonials of experts and farmers attesting to the benefits of Bt brinjal after a bountiful harvest in the first cropping season of 2014.

Notably, Brief 47 carries a foreword message from the Honorable Union Minister of Agriculture of Bangladesh, Ms. Matia Chowdhury, who supports the use of insect resistant Bt brinjal and endorses its commercial approval. Minister Chowdhury congratulates the authors for bringing out facts on Bt brinjal to the people of Bangladesh and to the global society.

This documentation of technical, institutional and farmer experiences highlight the confluence of factors that favor acceptance and adoption of a biotech crop. Other countries such as India and the Philippines which are awaiting commercial approval of Bt brinjal, have much to learn from Bangladesh’s success. We at ISAAA believe in the sharing of such information and knowledge as a strategy to make modern technology benefit a greater number of people particularly small scale farmers in developing countries.

It is my pleasure to commend the authors of this ISAAA Brief, Mr. Bhagirath Choudhary, Prof. K.M. Nasiruddin and Ms. Kadambini Gaur, based at Biotech Information Centre in New Delhi, India and Mymensingh, Bangladesh for proactively anticipating the knowledge needs of society about Bt brinjal in Bangladesh. Consistent with the ISAAA mandate of freely sharing knowledge on biotech crops with developing countries this Brief is being offered by ISAAA at no cost to all eligible nationals from developing countries. We encourage you to share comments and suggestions about this publication and others in our Brief series.

Yours sincerely,

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