

# Taste the modified BUFFET

CSE's Pollution Monitoring Laboratory purchased 64 processed food products from retail stores in Delhi-NCR, Punjab and Gujarat and 1 sample of crude cottonseed oil. These

products were tested for the presence of genetically modified (GM) ingredients using the advanced technology qPCR (quantitative polymerase chain reaction). The results showed that 32 per cent of the products tested contained GM ingredients



## Oils

**56%** samples tested GM-positive



**4 of 7** canola oils tested GM-positive. These were imported from Canada (Candrop, Jivo) and the UAE (Hudson, Farrell)

**All 5** cottonseed oils from India, including the crude sample, tested GM-positive

**Soyabean** oils, blended oil (corn, rice bran) samples from India tested GM-negative

**No product** that tested GM-positive mentioned the use of GM ingredients on its label



## Packaged foods

**25%** samples tested GM-positive



**About 50%** imported samples tested GM-positive including 8 ready-to-cook products

**9 of the 10** GM-positive products were imported from USA. These include Kellogg's fruit loops, American Garden popcorn and Trix Corn Puffs

**Labels on 2** of the 10 GM-positive products claimed no use of GM ingredients; labels of 4 mentioned using GM ingredients; and, 4 did not say anything

**No Indian** packaged food sample tested GM-positive



## Infant foods

**25%** samples tested GM-positive



**Both positive** samples were imported and marketed by Abbott Healthcare Pvt Ltd

**None of the** samples mentioned GM on their labels

OF THE 21 PRODUCTS FOUND GM-POSITIVE...

**3** made false claims. These are Candrop's Canola oil, MORI-NU's Silken tofu and Promplus' Sweet whole kernel corn

**13** packaged foods did not mention anything about GM on their labels

**4** products mentioned "produced with genetic engineering" or "partially produced with genetic engineering" on their labels

**2** protein supplements were tested and they were GM-negative