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Golden rice to be available soon: Minister



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Golden rice, a new variety of rice enriched with Vitamin A will be available soon, said Agriculture Minister Dr Abdur Razzak.

He was talking to reporters after a meeting with International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) at the secretariat yesterday.

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"Golden rice is more important than other varieties as it will help fight Vitamin A deficiency. The rice variety has already got clearance in USA, Canada and Australia," he said.

"A committee of the environment ministry will give clearance to the rice for production. We will be able to start cultivation in Bangladesh within two to three months upon getting the clearance," he said.

It will be easier to cultivate golden rice in coastal areas combating salinity condition, the minister said.

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