

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 328
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/12/2022

PROMOTING ORGANIC FARMING

328. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:
SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is promoting organic farming which is very popular in the country, especially in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the schemes being run to promote it in the country;
- (c) whether Government is providing financial assistance to promote organic farming across the country; and
- (d) if so, the quantum of financial assistance/benefits provided to the farmers across the country, especially to the farmers of Gujarat and Maharashtra during the last three years under these schemes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government has been promoting organic farming in the country since 2015-16 through the schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER). Both the schemes stress on end to end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification and marketing and post harvest management support including processing. PKVY is being implemented in all the States other-than North Eastern States, across the country including Maharashtra. MOVCDNER scheme is implemented exclusively in the NE States.

Under PKVY, farmers of various states of the country including Gujarat and Maharashtra are provided financial assistance of Rs 50000/ha for 3 years out of which, Rs 31000/ ha / 3 years is provided directly to farmers through DBT for on-farm and off-farm organic inputs. Financial

assistance of Rs 20 lakh/ cluster of 1000 ha for 3 years is provided for value addition and infrastructure creation.

Under MOVCDNER, an assistance of Rs. 46,575/ha for 3years is provided for creation of FPO, support to farmers for organic inputs, quality seeds/ planting material and training, hand holding and certification. Need based assistance is provided for post harvest infrastructure and value addition up to maximum limit of Rs 600 lakh for integrated processing unit, Rs 37.50 lakh for integrated pack house, Rs 18.75 lakh each for refrigerated vehicle and cold store components, Rs 10.0 lakh for collection, aggregation, grading and custom hiring center and Rs 6.0 lakh for four wheeler/transportation.

(d): Funds released to states including Gujarat and Maharashtra under PKVY during lasts three years as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Funds Released all States (including Gujarat & Maharashtra)	Funds Released to Gujarat	Funds Released to Maharashtra
2019-20	283.67	6.67	34.12
2020-21	381.05	0.10	0.20
2021-22	88.58*	*	*

*(Fund release was impacted due to no-compliance of the Government guidelines by the states for release of funds).
