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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD MARCH, 2020

PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING

2059. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the organic food market in the country is growing annually;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether organic farming helps in maintaining a clean environment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): As per a study conducted by the Yes Bank in association with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Association For Indian Organic Industry the domestic market was approx. Rs. 500-1000 crore during the year 2014-15. In another study conducted by ASSOCHAM during the year 2016-17 the Indian domestic market was estimated at Rs. 4000 crore and it was projected to increase by Rs.10,000-12,000 crore by the year 2020. According to ASSOCHAM India has witnessed the market growth to Rs 4,000 crore in 2016-17 from Rs. 675 crore in 2009-2010 with an annual growth rate of 25%.

(c) & (d): Organic farming largely excludes the synthetic inputs for farming and relies mostly on agronomic practices such as cropping systems, green manuring, on-farm inputs such as crop residues, Farm yard manure, enriched composts, vermicompost, oil cakes *etc.* and bio-fertilizers for nutrient management of crops. Similarly, pests and diseases are managed by eco-friendly farming practices of crop rotation, trap crops, bio-pesticides like neem based formulations, bio-control agents, mechanical traps, *etc.* there by contributes for reducing the environmental pollution and maintaining clean environment.

The Organic Farming Policy, 2005 seeks to promote technically sound, economically viable, environmentally non-degrading, and socially acceptable use of natural resources in favour of organic agriculture. Based on the policy directives, Government of India has been promoting Organic farming in the states through dedicated schemes of Mission Organic Value Chain Development North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) and Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) since 2015-16 as well as other schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) *etc.*