

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2330
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD AUGUST, 2021

PROMOTION OF ORGANIC & NATURAL FARMING

2330: SHRI TAPIR GAO:

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

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to promote organic and natural farming in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment with regard to area of land on which organic and natural farming is being undertaken in the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take the assistance of private institutions and other organizations to promote this; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): Government has been promoting organic farming through dedicated schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region (MOVCDNER). Farmers are provided financial assistance (RS 31000/ ha / 3 years in PKVY and 32500/ ha/ 3years under MOVCDNER) for organic inputs such as seeds, bio/organic fertilisers, bio-pesticides, botanical extracts etc. Support is also provided for, training of farmers, certification, value addition and marketing of their organic produce. In addition, Organic cultivation on either side of River Ganga, large area certification and support for individual farmers have also been introduced under PKVY.

Natural farming has also been promoted under Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP), a sub-scheme of PKVY since 2020-21. It emphasizes on chemical free cultivation

with more stress on biomass mulching; use of cow dung-urine formulations; plant-based preparations and time to time working of soil for aeration. Under BPKP, financial assistance of Rs 12200/ha for 3 years is provided for cluster formation, capacity building and continuous handholding by trained personnel, certification and residue analysis. Under this scheme an area of 4.09 lakh ha has been covered in eight states.

Organic/ natural farming can be taken up on any land which is under cultivation. Further, rainfed, hilly, remote areas with limited or no chemical inputs are preferred as the impact of organic cultivation in terms of soil improvement due to organic inputs is more visible.

Many Private institutions/ individuals in the country have already been involved in promotion of organic farming in terms of production, value addition, marketing of organic products either for exports or for domestic consumption. The list of certification bodies under Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) is given at **Annexure- I**.

List of Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) certification bodies

Sl. No	Regional Council (certification bodies)	Location
1	QMARK INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS PVT LTD	ASSAM
2	UNITED ORGANIC SMALL FARMERS AND PRODUCERS ASSAM	ASSAM
3	BIHAR STATE SEED AND ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AGENCY	BIHAR
4	CG ORGANIC CERTIFICATION RAIPUR	CHHATTISGARH
5	PAN HIMALAYAN GRASSROOTS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION	DELHI
6	AKHIL GUJARAT VIKAS TRUST	GUJARAT
7	SHRISHTI ORGANICS	GUJARAT
8	HP STATE SEED AND ORGANIC PRODUCE CERTIFICATION AGENCY SHIMLA	HIMACHAL PRADESH
9	DIVISIONAL SEED CERTIFICATION AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE JAMMU	JAMMU AND KASHMIR
10	ADITI ORGANIC CERTIFICATIONS PVT LTD	KARNATAKA
11	APOF ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AGENCY	KARNATAKA
12	BELGAUM INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY NAGANUR	KARNATAKA
13	KARNATAKA STATE SEED AND ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AGENCY	KARNATAKA
14	PHALADAAYI FOUNDATION	KARNATAKA
15	RELIABLE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATION	KARNATAKA
16	SIXTEEN DODDI TRUST	KARNATAKA
17	SRI SRI INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY, BANGLORE	KARNATAKA
18	BIOFARM NATURALS	KERALA
19	KERALA STATE SEED CERTIFICATION DEPARTMENT	KERALA
20	LACON QUALITY CERTIFICATION PRIVATE LIMITED	KERALA
21	MANARCADU SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY	KERALA
22	THANAL	KERALA
23	THIRUVALI RURAL COOPERATIVE SOCIETY	KERALA
24	KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA LAKSHADWEEP, PROGRAMME COORDINATOR, KAVARATTI ISLAND	LAKSHADWEEP
25	FAIRCERT CERTIFICATION SERVICES PVT LTD	MADHYA PRADESH
26	GOVARDHAN ECO VILLAGE TRUST	MAHARASHTRA
27	INSTITUTE FOR INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT [IIRD]	MAHARASHTRA
28	NATURAL ORGANIC CERTIFICATION ASSOCIATION	MAHARASHTRA
29	THE GREEN FOUNDATION	MANIPUR
30	BIO RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CENTRE	MEGHALAYA
31	ODISHA STATE SEED AND ORGANIC PRODUCTS CERTIFICATION AGENCY	ODISHA
32	KHETI VIRASAT MISSION	PUNJAB

33	PUNJAB STATE SEED CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY	PUNJAB
34	RAJASTHAN STATE SEED & ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AGENCY	RAJASTHAN
35	RAMKRISHNA JAIDAYAL DALMIA SEVA SANSTHAN	RAJASTHAN
36	SIKKIM STATE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AGENCY	SIKKIM
37	KEYSTONE FOUNDATION	TAMIL NADU
38	ORGANIC FARMING ORGANIZATION	TAMIL NADU
39	PRITHVI INDIGENOUS NATURAL FARMERS TRUST	TAMIL NADU
40	CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE (CSA)	TELANGANA
41	EKALAVYA FOUNDATION	TELANGANA
42	TELANGANA STATE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY	TELANGANA
43	CHEITNA VIKAS SWARAJYA TRUST	UTTAR PRADESH
44	PARTICIPATORY RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION	UTTAR PRADESH
45	UTTAR PRADESH STATE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AGENCY	UTTAR PRADESH
46	DIVYA YOG MANDIR TRUST	UTTARAKHAND
47	HIMALAYAN ENVIRONMENT LIVELY HOOD PROMOTION SOCIETY	UTTARAKHAND
48	HIMALYAN BAHUDDASYA SWAYATT SAHKARITA	UTTARAKHAND
49	SHIVALIK NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SOCIETY	UTTARAKHAND
50	UTTARAKHAND STATE ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AGENCY	UTTARAKHAND
51	PAUDYALS FARM CONSULTANCY	WEST BENGAL
