

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 384
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30th MARCH, 2022

PRODUCTION OF ORGANIC COTTON

*384. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production and area of cultivation of organic cotton increased from 300% to 400% after COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of India's organic cotton production and exports in terms of quantity and value;
- (c) whether any organic certification agency violated the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) in organic cotton certification recently and was suspended by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in January, 2022 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the organic certification agencies certified those grower groups with area and production and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 384 FOR ANSWER ON 30th MARCH, 2022 REGARDING “ PRODUCTION OF ORGANIC COTTON”.

(a): The area under organic raw cotton certified under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) increased by 153% in 2020-21 compared to 2019-20 whereas, the production of organic raw cotton increased by 142 % in 2020-21 compared to 2019-20.

(b) : The state-wise details of the organic raw cotton production in terms of quantity during 2020-21 under NPOP are as under:

Production of Organic Cotton during 2018-21	
	Production Quantity (MT)
State	2020-21
Madhya Pradesh	383,133.39
Maharashtra	168,009.36
Gujarat	85,782.60
Orisa	106,495.89
Rajasthan	59,173.79
Karnataka	2,998.09
Tamil Nadu	3,771.77
Telangana	1,561.88
Bihar	7.47
Total	810,934.24

Source: Data provided by the Certification Bodies accredited under NPOP on TraceNet

(c): In January 2022, a Certification Body was suspended by the National Accreditation Body (NAB) due to the irregularities and procedural lapses in the certification programme. The suspension imposed on Certification Body, was based on the irregularities established in the certification procedures and lapses in issuing transaction certificates for organic products under the provisions of NPOP.

(d): Yes, Sir. the Certification Bodies accredited under NPOP certify the grower groups, the area and production of crops, including cotton. The details of the Certification Bodies accredited by the NAB for certification of grower groups are at Annexure.

LIST OF ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION BODIES UNDER NPOP

Sr. No	Name of the Certification Agency
1	Bureau Veritas (India) Pvt. Limited
2	ECOCERT India Pvt. Ltd.
3	IMO Control Pvt. Ltd.
4	Indian Organic Certification Agency (INDOCERT)
5	Lacon Quality Certification Pvt. Ltd.
6	OneCert International Private Limited.
7	SGS India Pvt. Ltd.
8	CU Inspections India Pvt Ltd. (w.e.f. 19/12/2018)
9	Uttarakhand State Organic Certification Agency (USOCA)
10	APOF Organic Certification Agency (AOCA)
11	Rajasthan State Organic Certification Agency (RSOCA) (w.e.f: 24-01-2019)
12	Vedic Organic Certification Agency
13	ISCOP (Indian Society for Certification of Organic Products)
14	TQ Cert Services Private Limited (formerly FoodCert India Private Limited)
15	Aditi Organic Certifications Pvt. Ltd
16	Chhattisgarh Certification Society, India (CGCERT)
17	Tamil Nadu Organic Certification Department (TNOCD)
18	Intertek India Pvt. Ltd.
19	Madhya Pradesh State Organic Certification Agency
20	Odisha State Organic Certification Agency (OSOCA)
21	Natural Organic Certification Agro Pvt. Ltd.
22	Fair Cert Certification Services Pvt.Ltd.

23	Gujarat Organic Products Certification Agency (GOPCA)
24	Uttar Pradesh State Organic Certification Agency
25	Karnataka State Organic Certification Agency
26	Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SSOCA)
27	Global Certification Society
28	GreenCert Biosolutions Pvt. Ltd
29	Telangana State Organic Certification Authority
30	Bihar State Seed and Organic Certification Agency (BSSOCA)
31	Reliable Organic Certification Organization
32	Bhumaatha Organic Certification Bureau (BOCB)
33	Baltic Testing India Pvt. Ltd.
