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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5304
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH APRIL, 2022

PRODUCTION OF ORGANIC COTTON

5304. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the production of organic cotton is decreasing over the past few years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details regarding production of organic cotton in the country including Maharashtra during the last five years, district-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to promote the production of organic cotton by providing incentive to organic cotton farmers in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): The production of organic cotton under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) has increased from 154966.46 MT in 2016-17 to 810934.24 MT in 2020-21. The state-wise details of the production of organic cotton including Maharashtra during the last five years is as under:

(Production in MT)

State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Madhya Pradesh	74027.06	82737.87	91925.51	84701.23	383133.39
Maharashtra	21455.54	33447.94	58423.37	63720.49	168009.36
Gujarat	22364.55	55858.71	51020.28	55898.80	85782.60
Odisha	23034.40	58545.71	74001.57	103312.96	106495.89
Rajasthan	13625.58	15412.85	34033.27	23211.39	59173.79
Karnataka	20.08	578.86	363.35	1152.12	2998.09
Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	1790.42	2369.82	3771.77
Telangana	439.26	856.00	1316.74	1343.86	1561.88
Bihar	0.00	0.00	1.16	1.16	7.47
Total	154966.46	247437.94	312875.67	335711.83	810934.24

(Source: Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA))

(c): Government is promoting organic farming including cotton through schemes viz., Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCDNER) since 2015-16. Under these schemes, farmers are primarily encouraged to adopt organic cultivation using organic inputs and the schemes provide end to end support to the farmers from production to certification and marketing. Financial assistance of Rs. 50000/ ha for 3 years is provided under PKVY and Rs. 46575/ ha for 3 years under MOVCDNER.
