

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1174  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**MOU between NCOL and State Organic Commodity Boards:**

**1174 SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR:**

**SHRI EATALA RAJENDER:**

**SMT. D K ARUNA:**

Will the Minister of **COOPERATION** (सहकारिता मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether chemicals present in fertilizers are source of several ailments such as hypertension, diabetes, thyroid, and even cancer and organic farming was linked to the health of 140 crore Indians and if any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the National Cooperative Organics Ltd. (NCOL) and other State Organic Commodity Boards is signed and if so the details thereof and progress made in this regard; and
- (b) whether the movement for organic farming has reached important stage and cooperatives have an important role in making India the world's largest organic food producing country and there is awareness about organic products with huge global market for the same and when we increase India's share by tapping this market, the share of our farmers and their income in the profitable business of organic products also increases and if so, the details thereof/present status thereof ?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION**  
**सहकारिता मंत्री (SHRI AMIT SHAH)**

**(a):** As the awareness about serious effects of presence of chemical residues in food-chain by use of chemical input grows, alternative means of production of agriculture and allied items have started gaining importance. Organic farming is one such alternative where the produce is grown under a system of agriculture, without the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, with an environment friendly and socially responsible approach. It preserves the reproductive and regenerative capacity of the soil to produce nutritious food which is rich in vitality and has resistance to diseases.

Ministry of Cooperation has set up National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL) under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002. The NCOL is promoted by Gujarat

Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited (GCMMF), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED), National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF), National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). The initial paid up capital of NCOL is Rs. 100 Cr with contribution of Rs. 20 Cr each by the five promoters and authorized share capital is Rs. 500 Cr. The NCOL has been set up to provide institutional support for aggregation, certification, testing, procurement, storage, processing, branding, labelling, packaging, logistic facilities, marketing of organic products and facilitate in arranging financial assistance to the organic farmers through its member Cooperatives including PACS/FPOs alongwith promotional and developmental activities of organic products with the help of various schemes and agencies of the Government. The NCOL will help in marketing of authentic and certified organic products to increase production of organic products by the cooperatives at various levels.

The National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Uttarakhand Organic Commodity Board (UOCB) on 30th August 2024, in New Delhi.

As part of this collaboration, NCOL and UOCB are working together to enhance the procurement of certified organic commodities from the state of Uttarakhand. The initial focus is on sourcing organic wheat from UOCB-affiliated farmers in the next Rabi season, reflecting a commitment to sustainable agriculture and improved consumer health.

**(b):** The movement for organic farming in India has reached a significant milestone, positioning the country as a global leader in organic agriculture. India's diverse agro-climatic conditions and traditional farming practices provide immense potential to produce a wide variety of organic products. Inherently organic and wild harvest areas offer additional advantages, enabling India to meet growing domestic and export demands for organic food.

In the year 2023-24, India produced 3.6 million MT of certified organic products, including oilseeds, cereals, pulses, spices, fruits, vegetables, and non-edible items like organic cotton fibre and herbal products. Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan lead in organic production. India exported 2,61,029 MT of organic products valued at Rs. 4007.91 Crore (USD 494.80 million). Major export destinations include the USA, EU, Great Britain, and Southeast Asia. (Source: APEDA)

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