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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.853
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST MARCH, 2016

NON-CONVENTIONAL AGRICULTURE

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the promotion of non-conventional agriculture in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has provided/proposes to provide assistance to the farmers engaged in non-conventional agriculture to ensure sale of their produces or set up industry based on such produces;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy for the said nonconventional agriculture; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) & (b): Government is promoting non-conventional agriculture i.e. organic farming through various schemes/ programmes under the National Mission of Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) such as Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)/ and "Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region" Under PKVY, the Annual Action Plans of 28 States and 1 Union Territory have been approved with a total outlay of Rs. 508.46 Crore to develop 7141 clusters. Rs.197 Crore has been released as 1st installment to the States till 31.01.2016.

(c) & (d): Realizing the potential of organic farming in the North Eastern Region of the country Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched a **Central Sector Scheme** entitled "**Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region**" for implementation in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, during 2015-16 to 2017-18. The scheme aims to develop certified organic production in a value chain mode to link growers with consumers and to support the development of entire value chain starting from inputs, seeds, certification, creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing marketing and brand building initiatives. The scheme has been approved with an outlay of Rs. 400 crore for 3 years and Rs. 125 crore has been allocated by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare during 2015-16.

(e) & (f): The pattern of assistance provided through above said schemes for encouraging non conventional agriculture is given at **Annexure-I**.

Pattern of assistance for promotion of organic farming

Component	Pattern of assistance
NMSA	
1. Setting up of mechanized Fruit/Vegetable market waste/ Agro waste compost production unit.	100% Assistance to State Govt/Govt. Agencies upto a maximum limit of Rs. 190.00 lakh /unit and 33% of cost limited to Rs.63 lakh/unit for individuals/ private agencies through NABARD as capital investment for 3000 TPA production capacity
2.Setting up of State of art liquid/ carrier based Biofertilizer/ Biopesticide units	100% Assistance to State Govt/Govt. Agencies upto a maximum limit of Rs.160.00 lakh /unit and 25% of cost limited to Rs.40 lakh/unit for individuals/ private agencies through NABARD as capital investment of 200 TPA production capacity
3. Setting up of Bio-fertilizer and Organic fertilizer testing Quality Control Laboratory (BOQCL) or Strengthening of existing Laboratory under FCO.	Assistance up to maximum limit of Rs. 85 lakh for new laboratory and up to a maximum limit of Rs. 45 lakh for strengthening of existing infrastructure to State Government Laboratory under Agriculture or Horticulture Department.
4. Promotion of Organic Inputs on farmer's field (Manure, Vermi-compost, Bio-Fertilizers Liquid / solid, Waste compost, Herbal extracts etc.)	50 % of cost subject to a limit of Rs. 5000/- per ha and Rs. 10,000 per beneficiary. Propose to cover 1 million ha area.
5. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana -(PKVY) Adoption of organic farming through cluster approach under Participatory Guarantee system (PGS) certification.	Under PKVY scheme- Fifty or more farmers will form a cluster and their 50 acres of land will be brought under Organic Farming.
6.Support to research for development of organic package of practices specific to state and cropping system	Against specific proposal
7.Setting up of separate Organic Agriculture Research and Teaching Department	Against specific proposal
