

**Promotion of organic farming**

4685. SHRI N. K. SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government provides any financial and technical assistance to States to encourage organic farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether Union Government has commissioned or proposes to commission any study to examine ways to promote organic farming in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken to make organic vegetables available at cheaper rates in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Organic Farming is promoted through various schemes of Ministry of Agriculture like National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH). Activities like capacity building, input production, technology transfer and awareness campaign are being supported under these schemes/programmes. State-wise & Scheme-wise details of funds released during last three years for promotion of organic farming are given in the Statement-I, II and III (*See below*). States have not reported any expenditure during the current year.

(c) and (d) Government had set up a Task Force in 2001 for promotion of organic farming in the country. Based on its recommendation, National Centre on Organic Farming and its six regional centres became operational during 2004. During 2008, Government constituted an "Expert Committee for Promotion of Organic Farming". Based on its recommendation, quality control regime for various organic inputs and farmer group centric certification system "PGS-India" were introduced in National Project on Organic Farming scheme.

(e) These initiatives have helped increased availability of organic produce in the country.

**Statement-I**

*Total Funds released/expenditure under RKVY on promotion of Organic Farming during last three years (Rs. in Crores)*

Sl. No.	State Name	Years			Total
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0.12	0.71	0.00	0.83
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.05
3.	Assam	0.00	4.50	9.00	13.5
4.	Bihar	0.00	32.64	101.05	133.69
5.	Chhattisgarh	2.30	12.00	0.00	14.3
6.	Gujarat	1.97	2.80	7.95	12.72
7.	Haryana	1.55	0.00	1.51	3.06
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3.30	11.63	10.05	24.98
9.	J&K	0.87	3.31	0.79	4.97
10.	Jharkhand	0.00	0.90	1.58	2.48
11.	Karnataka	0.00	0.50	28.00	28.5
12.	Kerala	0.02	0.00	1.23	1.25
13.	Madhya Pradesh	3.80	11.26	4.40	19.46
14.	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
15.	Manipur	0.00	0.35	1.11	1.46
16.	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
17.	Nagaland	0.00	1.04	1.50	2.54
18.	Orissa	4.42	11.15	0.00	15.57
19.	Punjab	0.00	13.50	0.00	13.5
20.	Rajasthan	22.35	6.75	3.67	32.77

1	2	3	4	5	6
21.	Sikkim	1.96	0.00	2.50	4.46
22.	Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
23.	Tripura	0.40	1.15	0.00	1.55
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3.98	15.37	16.56	35.91
25.	Uttarakhand	11.51	0.00	13.31	24.82
26.	West Bengal	0.56	0.35	0.00	0.91
TOTAL		59.16	129.91	204.39	393.46

Source: National Center of Organic Farming, Ghaziabad.

***Statement-II***

*Total Funds released/expenditure under NHM on promotion of organic inputs and organic farming during last three years*

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	State Name	Years			Total
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	538.8	761.97	864.46	2165.23
2	Bihar	880.95	389.36	252.88	1523.19
3	Chhattisgarh	2495.15	2297	2794.31	7586.46
4	Delhi	0	0	0	0
5	Goa	16.32	12.41	4.31	33.04
6	Gujarat	66.97	427.5	213.91	708.38
7	Haryana	1298.52	900.51	200.28	2399.31
8	Jharkhand	49.5	49.02	416.25	514.77
9	Karnataka	2394.11	1271.04	784.66	4449.81
10	Kerala	954.67	402.72	445.28	1802.67

1	2	3	4	5	6
11	Madhya Pradesh	616.92	182.6	12.7	812.22
12	Maharashtra	133.29	248.73	0	382.02
13	Orissa	221.52	0	1515	1736.52
14	Puducherry	0	0	0	0
15	Punjab	1048.5	243.78	87.76	1380.04
16	Rajasthan	277.42	323.2	328.38	929
17	Tamilnadu	212.08	59.13	40.2	311.41
18	Uttar Pradesh	1014.55	157.85	192.7	1365.1
19	West Bengal	103.28	258.49	225.25	587.02
20	Andaman & Nicobar	8.96	0	0	8.96
TOTAL		12331.51	7985.31	8378.33	28695.15

Source: National Center of Organic Farming, Ghaziabad.

### Statement-III

Total Funds released/expenditure under Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States on promotion of organic farming during last three years

(Rs in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of States	Years			Total
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Arunachal Pradesh	131	25.8	43.9	200.7
2	Assam	173.1	28.6	28	229.7
3	Manipur	78	51.3	110	239.3
4	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0
5	Mizoram	126.2	152	0	278.2

1	2	3	4	5	6
6	Nagaland	190	81.5	0	271.5
7	Sikkim	315.25	332.48	342.5	990.23
8	Tripura	141	130.4	0	271.4
9	Jammu & Kashmir	61.5	67.25	109.3	238.05
10	Himachal Pradesh	107	216.28	285.41	608.69
11	Uttarakhand	84.31	201.1	53.5	338.91
TOTAL		1407.36	1286.71	972.61	3666.68

Source: National Center of Organic Farming, Ghaziabad.

#### **Drought in Maharashtra**

†4686. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRTVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether drought like condition is emerging in several areas of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether Central Government has sent any committee to survey the situation;

(c) if so, when and whether the committee has submitted its report to Government;

(d) whether the State Government has sought some more assistance and funds from the Central Government to deal with this situation;

(e) if so, when and the quantum of funds sought and whether Central Government would provide the same; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (f) During 2012-13, Government of Maharashtra sent a memorandum seeking central assistance in respect of 15 districts which were declared as drought affected. Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India constituted an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) on 10.04.2012 to assess loss/damage caused due to drought and recommend assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.