

Table: 1 Centres of Network Project on Organic Farming (NPOF)

- 1 IGKV, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- 2 CSKHPKV, Palampur, HP
- 3 BAU, Ranchi, Jharkhand
- 4 VAS, Dharwad, Karnataka
- 5 IISR, Calicut, Kerala
- 6 JNKVV, Jabalpur Madhya Pradesh
- 7 IISS, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 8 DBSKKV, Dapoli, Maharashtra
- 9 ICAR Res. Complex, Umiam, Meghalaya
- 10 PAU, Ludhiana, Punjab
- 11 TNAU, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- 12 GBPUAT, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand,
- 13 PDFSR, Modipuram, Uttar Pradesh

The Council has developed technologies to prepare various types of organic manures such as phosphor-compost, vermin-compost, municipal solid waste compost etc. from various organic wastes. Improved and efficient mains of bio-fertilizers specific to different crops and soil types are being developed under Network project on bio-fertilizers. The ICAR also imparts training, organises FLDs etc. to educate farmers on these aspects.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

PPP in agricultural projects

2171. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to implement Public Private Partnership (PPP) in agricultural projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the objectives set to achieve under the plan; and

(c) how many States are identified for implementation of the proposed plan and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Agriculture facilitates Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects in agriculture and allied sectors throughout the country. Private entrepreneurs can propose integrated agricultural development projects and take responsibility for developing all interventions through a single window. They have complete flexibility in designing suitable projects and submit proposals to State Governments for approval.

Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) has been designated as a national level agency for this purpose by Government of India. SFAC acts as a facilitator to link the project promoter to the concerned State Government. However, the role of SFAC is restricted to facilitate the process of technical appraisal and coordination. An independent monitoring agency (like National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) or any other agency with no conflict of interest with that particular project) can be appointed by the State Government to closely track the performance of these projects and report to all relevant stakeholders in the State and Central Government.

Production of foodgrains

2172. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to increase production of foodgrains in the country, and if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(b) whether Government has fixed any targets during the Twelfth Plan Period for production of foodgrains like paddy, pulse, millet and cotton etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) Government of India is implementing various crop development programmes/schemes for increasing foodgrain production in the country such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion (INSIMP), Integrated