

1	2	3	4	5
19.	Nagaland	0.0	0.0	0.0
20.	Odisha	0.2	0.1	0.4
21.	Punjab	0.2	0.8	0.6
22.	Puducherry	0.2	0.2	0.0
23.	Rajasthan	0.1	0.3	0.4
24.	Sikkim	0.0	0.0	0.0
25.	Tamil Nadu	1.1	3.9	4.3
26.	Tripura	0.5	0.2	0.1
27.	Uttar Pradesh	2.9	0.4	0.9
28.	Uttarakhand	0.1	0.9	1.4
29.	West Bengal	0.2	0.4	0.5
TOTAL		13.4	15.6	17.3

Source: Compiled by NCOF from Production Units/State Governments.

Statement-IV

Total area covered under organic fertilizers

Sl. No.	Year	Total Production (Lakh tonne)	Total area covered (Lakh ha)
1.	2010-11	3671	734
2.	2011-12	3486	697
3.	2012-13	4353	870

Source: NCOF

Setting up of Agro Renewal Mission

2485. SHRI KALPATARU DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to speed up high-value agriculture and processed food as the catalysts for the next wave of growth in farm sector;

(b) whether it is proposed to set up an Agro Renewal Mission that will create an enabling environment for greater private and public participation;

(c) whether it is proposed to set up world class universities in the country to achieve the end-result;

(d) whether it is also proposed to establish a national technological mission for an integrated approach in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to set up a Mission in the name of Agro-Renewal Mission. However, promotion of high value agriculture and processed food definitely have the potential to become catalyst for the next wave of growth in farm sector.

Farm profitability is central to achieve rapid and inclusive agricultural growth and diversification to high value crops such as horticulture and livestock remains the best way not only to improve farm incomes and accelerate growth, but also to reduce stress on natural resources which form farmers production base. Creating an enabling environment for greater public and private participation is an objective of the overall policy for development of agriculture.

Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) has been launched *w.e.f.* 1.4.2014 to promote holistic growth of horticulture sector, including bamboo and coconut through area based regionally differentiated strategies which include research, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management processing and marketing in convergence with comparative advantage of each State/region and its diverse agro-climatic features. Aggregation of farmers into farmers groups like Farmer Interest Groups/Farmer Producer Groups and Farmer Interest Groups/Farmers Producer Groups and Farmer Producer Companies to bring economy of scale and scope is a new feature of MIDH, aimed at empowering the farmers. Assistance under MIDH is provided for promoting primary/minimal processing units for processing of horticultural produce and value addition. For technological dissemination, latest technologies are promoted on crop specific cultivation use of Integrated Pest Management/Integrated Nutrient Management, Protected cultivation, organic farming through farmer participatory demonstration/front-line demonstrations at strategic locations/farmer's field.

(c) to (e) To make farming competitive and profitable as well as to step up investment, both public and private, in agro-technology development and creation and modernization of existing agri-business infrastructure, Government has proposed to establish two more institutions of excellence in Assam and Jharkhand at par with ICAR Research Centre at PUSA, New Delhi. For this purpose, an initial sum of ₹ 100 crore has been provided in the Union Budget 2014-15. In addition, an amount of ₹ 100 crore has also been set aside for setting up an 'agri-tech infrastructure fund'. Further, Government has proposed to establish Agriculture Universities in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan and Horticulture Universities in Telangana and Haryana for which an initial sum of ₹ 200 crores has been provided in Union Budget 2014-15.

Ministry of Food Processing Industry has restructured the ongoing schemes from Twelfth Five Year Plan and accordingly under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme-National Mission on Food Processing, assistance is provided for implementation of the schemes for technology upgradation/establishment/modernization of food processing industries, cold chain, value addition and preservation infrastructure for non horticultural products, etc.

Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Marketing (ISAM) also provides for creation and promotion of integrated value chain upto a stage of primary processing only to provide vertical integration of farmers with primary processors. Under the scheme, a subsidy of 25-33.33% of project cost is provided to promoters from general categories and special categories upto a sum of ₹ 4 crore and ₹ 5 crore respectively.

Availability of quality Seeds

†2486. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1034 Seed samples out of 6878 tested from April, 2014 till date have failed to meet the standard level at Chhattisgarh State Seeds Certification Institute, Raipur;

(b) whether farmers of Chhattisgarh are provided with certified Seeds of about a dozen crops including paddy, soyabean, yellow lentils, maize, black lentils, green gram through Chhattisgarh State Seeds and Agriculture Development Corporation Ltd.;

(c) whether there is only one institute for Seeds certification in Chhattisgarh due to which cross checking facility is not available; and

(d) if so, steps being taken by Government to ensure availability of quality Seeds to farmers at right time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) The Government of Chhattisgarh has reported that from 1st April, 2014 to 22nd July, 2014, Chhattisgarh State Seed Certification Agency had tested 1851 Seed samples out of which 426 Seed samples were found sub-standard.

(b) The Chhattisgarh State Seed and Agriculture Development Corporation Limited is supplying certified Seeds of paddy, maize, Kodo-Kutki, ragi, arhar, black gram, green gram, soybean, sesame, ramtil, groundnut, sunhemp and daincha during Kharif, 2014.

(c) The Chhattisgarh State has one Seed Certification Agency which certifies Seeds and also tests samples for Seed Law Enforcement.

(d) Production and supply of quality/certified Seeds to the farmers is the primary responsibility of the State Government which undertake the same through Seed

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.