

this Ministry through a number of complaints from consumers received at the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) that hotels and restaurants are following the practice of charging service tax in the range of 5-20% in lieu of tips. To regulate the practice, advisory was issued to State Governments on 21st April, 2017 on fair trade practices related to charging of service charge from consumers by hotels/restaurants.

(b) and (C) Service tax is different from service charge which is charged in lieu of tips by hotels/restaurants from customers. Following implementation of the Goods and services Tax (GST) with effect from 1st July, 2017, service tax has been subsumed in the GST.

### **Genuineness of organic products**

2954. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether organic farming is gaining ground in the country and has become very popular among the consumers, particularly in urban areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some unscrupulous shopkeepers are cheating innocent consumers by selling non-organic pulses, spices, etc. as organic;

(c) whether there is any laboratory in the country to check the genuineness of organic products;

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, whether there is any proposal to set up such laboratory; and

(e) the quantum of organic pulses produced by farmers during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) Yes, Sir. Organic farming is gaining popularity in rural and urban areas. Realising the potential of organic farming Government of India has implemented two National level programmes on organic farming-Parmaparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development Programme for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER), a sub scheme National Mission of Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) for promoting organic farming .The details of the scheme are given in the Statement-I (*See below*).

(b) No such report is available with Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare.

(c) and (d) Government has developed Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) portal for registration and traceability of organic produce. Under PKVY scheme organic farming produce is certified under PGS which is a quality assurance where farmers are registered under free/low cost domestic certification. Under the scheme provision is made for the residual analysis through National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL). For export of organic products under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), may be tested at the laboratories which are approved by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). The list of authorized laboratories is given in the Statement-II (*See below*).

(e) As per the information available on tracenet of APEDA, the details of the organic pulses certified under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) for the last 3 years is as follows:

Year	Quantity (MT)
2014-15	34717.45
2015-16	39248.63
2016-17	62676.32

**Statement-I**

*Details of schemes for promoting organic farming in the country*

(A) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)

Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) is a sub-scheme under National Mission of Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) through which assistance is provided for Organic Farming clusters. Assistance will be provided @ Rs.50, 000 per hectare per farmer in cluster for a period of 3 years to develop organic clusters of 20 hectare each and to cover certified area by 2 lakh hectare during 2015-16 and 2017-18.

Under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana PKVY Scheme, financial assistance is provided under the following components:

(in lakh)

Sl. No.	Components	Total Financial Assistance per cluster in 3 years	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Mobilization of farmers/Local People to form cluster.	₹ 0.80000	0.80000	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	PGS-India Certification and Quality Control	₹ 2.63670	0.36740	1.14840	1.12090
3.	Adoption of Organic Villages: Organic seeds, Organic inputs, Biological nitrogen, etc.	₹ 4.50000	2.50000	1.00000	1.00000
4.	Integrated Manure Management	₹ 3.75000	3.25000	0.50000	0
5.	Custom Hiring Centre Charges	₹ 0.45000	0.15000	0.15000	0.15000
6.	Labeling, Branding and Transportation	₹ 2.81330	0	2.18830	0.62500
TOTAL		₹ 14.95	7.0674	4.9867	2.8959

**Status of Scheme:** The Annual Action Plan of 29 States and 1 Union Territory was approved with total outlay for ₹ 496.62 crore during 2015-16 and total 7208 clusters developed in 2015-16. The scheme is implemented with a 90:10 (GoI: State Govt.) funding pattern in 8 NE states and 3 hilly states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, 100% in Union Territory and 60:40 funding pattern in remaining states of the country.

(₹ in crore)

	No. of clusters	Allocation	Release
2015-16	7208	300.00	226.19
2016-17		297.00	152.19
2017-18		350.00	-

(B) Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region

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 at development of 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 initiative. The scheme was approved with an outlay of ₹ 400 crore for three years.

The assistance is provided for cluster development, on/off farm input production, supply of seeds/planting materials, setting up of functional infrastructure, establishment of integrated processing unit, refrigerated transportation, pre-cooling/cold stores chamber, branding labeling and packaging, hiring of space, hand holdings, organic certification through third party, mobilization of farmers/processors etc. Under this scheme, an area of 50,000 ha. have been targeted to be covered under organic farming in North Eastern Region of the country during the period of three years *i.e.* from year 2015-16 to 2017-18.

### **Physical and Financial Progress report of MOVCDNER scheme**

#### **Physical Progress**

Under the scheme "Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region" there is a target to form 100 Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) that would cover 2500 Farmers Interest Groups (FIGs), 50000 ha. area and 50000 farmers. Against this target, 2376 FIGs have been formed covering an area of 48146 ha. and 46842 farmers in eight NE States. Till date 23 Farmer producer Companies have been registered. Agencies like NERAMAC are working with FPCs to provide market linkages to the produce of FPOs.

#### **Financial Progress**

The scheme was approved with an outlay of ₹ 400 crore for three years. The allocation pattern is 100% to North East States. Under the scheme an amount of ₹ 125 crore during 2015-16, ₹ 100 crore during the 2016-17 and ₹ 100 crore was allocated during 2017-18. Against the allocation an amount of ₹ 112.11 crore during 2015-16, ₹ 48.68 crore during the 2016-17 and ₹ 18.58 crore was released during 2017-18.

#### **Statement-II**

*\*List of Authorized Laboratories for Sampling and analysis of Organic Products as on 12.07.2017*

Sl. No.	Details of the laboratory	Status
1.	First Source Laboratory Solutions LLP (Analytical services) 1st Floor Plot No. A1/B, IDA Nacharam Cross Road Hyderabad 500076 Tel: 040-27177036, Fax: 040-27174037 <a href="mailto:crm@firstsourcecells.com">crm@firstsourcecells.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:sudhakar@firstsourcecells.com">sudhakar@firstsourcecells.com</a> ;	ISO-17025 accredited. Recognized by APEDA for sampling and analysis for residues of agrochemicals/pesticides and GMO.
2.	Envirocare Labs Pvt. Ltd. A-7 MIDC Wagle Industrial Estate Main Road Thane 400604 Tel: 022-25838286-88 Fax: 25838289 <a href="mailto:priti.a@envirocare.co.in">priti.a@envirocare.co.in</a> ; <a href="mailto:nilesha.a@envirocare.co.in">nilesha.a@envirocare.co.in</a> ;	-do-

Sl. No.	Details of the laboratory	Status
3.	Arbro Pharmaceuticals Limited, Analytical Division 4/9 Kirti Nagar Industrial Area New Delhi 110 015 Tel : 011-45754575, 9871700488, Fax: 45754545 arbrolab@arbropharma.com; saurabharora@arbropharma.com;	-do-
4.	Geo Chem Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. Pragati, Adjacent to Crompton Greaves Kanjur Marg(E) Mumbai 400 042 Phone: 022-61915100, Fax: 022-61915101 neel@geochemgroup.com; sureshbabu.p@geochem.net.in;	-do-
5.	Reliable Analytical Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. 125/139 Indian Corporation Mankoli Gundavli Bhiwandi Thane 421 302 Tel: 02522-398100 harshal@reliablelabs.org; rashmi@reliablelabs.org	-do-
6.	National Collateral Management Services Limited (NCML) Team Towers, 4th Floor, Plot No. A-1/2/A Industrial Park IDA-Uppal Hyderabad 500 039 Tel: 040 6637 4700 ganesh.r@ncml.com;quality@ncml.com;	ISO-17025 accredited. Recognized by APEDA for sampling and analysis for residues of agrochemicals/pesticides.
7.	TUV Sud South Asia Pvt. Ltd. No. 151, 2nd C Main, 2nd Stage Peenya Industrial Estate Bangalore 560058 Tel: 080-67458000 Fax: 080-67458058 suresh.kumar@tuv-sud.in; meena.mariappan@tuv-sud.in;	-do-
8.	Interfield Laboratories, XIII/1208, Interprint House Kochi 682 005 Tel: 0484-2217865, 2210915, 221838 qm@ifl.in; gm@ifl.in; jp@ifl.in;	-do-
9.	MicroChem Siliker Pvt. Ltd. MicroChem House A-513 TTC Industrial Area MIDC Mahape Navi Mumbai 400 701 Tel: 022-27787800 vidhya.gangar@mxns.com; jeetendra.patil@mxns.com;	-do-
10.	TUV India Pvt. Ltd. Survey No: 423/1 and 3/2 Near Pashankar Auto (Baner) Sus-Pashan Road Pune 411021 Tel: 020-67900000 foodlab@tuv-nord.com; mumbai@tuv-nord.com;	-do-
11.	SGS India Pvt. Ltd. Opposite to State Bank of India 28 B/1 (SP), 28 B/2 (SP) 2nd Main Road Ambattur Industrial Estate Chennai 600 058 Tel: 044-66693109 Fax: 24963075 av.abraham@sgs.com; v.nirmala@sgs.com;	-do-

Sl. No.	Details of the laboratory	Status
12.	Vimta Labs Ltd., Plot No. 5 SP Biotech Park Genome Valley, Shameerpet Mandal, RR District, Hyderabad 500 078 Tel: 040-39848484 Fax: 27263657 quality@vimta.com;	-do-
13.	Edward Food Research and Analysis Centre Ltd. (EFRAC) Subhas Nagar PO Nilgunj Bazar Barasat Kolkata 700 121 Tel: 033-71122800 Fax: 71122801 efraclab@efrac.org; balwinderbajwa@efrac.org;	-do-
14.	Eurofins Analytical Services India Pvt. Ltd. #540/1, Doddanakundi Industrial Area2, Hoodi, Whitefield, Bangalore 560 048 Tel: 080-30982500 Fax: 41680405 SanjeevKhatri@eurofins.com; GouriSatpathy@eurofins.com;	-do-
15.	Chennai Mettlex Lab Private Limited Jothi Complex No. 83 MKN Road Guindy Chennai 600032 Tel: 044-22323163, 42179490/91 Fax: 044-22311034 vks@mettlexlab.com; drbala@mettlexlab.com;	-do-
16.	Nawal Analytical Laboratories Plot No. 100 New SIDCO Industrial Estate Srinagar, Hosur 635109 Tel: 04344-329718, 09894785841 green_balu74@yahoo.com; ecogreen.labs@gmail.com;	-do-

\*Authorization of laboratories is dynamic process, updated list could be uploaded from APEDA website.

### Employment in IT Sector

2955. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after demonetisation of currency notes and implementation of GST, there is slow digitisation and job losses in the IT sector;

(b) if so, the corrective steps being taken by Government to provide jobs in the IT sector;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the IT sector has made a plan for providing employment to 40 lakh persons on an average annually; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and the current status thereof?