Thrust on organic farming

4408. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given thrust to organic farming in the present Budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Women Self Help Groups are also being benefited therefrom; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) and (b) Yes, Government has given thrust to organic farming in the present budget. Government has allocated funds for promotion of organic farming under schemes Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCDNER) Rs 360.00 crore and ₹ 160 crore respectively for the year 2018-19.

(c) and (d) A dedicated fund of 30% is allocated for women farmers / marginal farmers under all the agriculture schemes including organic farming schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region. Women friendly farm implements have also been developed for encouraging women farmers/ groups.

Claim of robust growth rate by Andhra Pradesh

4409. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is in the notice of Government that Andhra Pradesh has achieved