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RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/04/2022

CULTIVATION OF ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

3380. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to State:

- (a) whether Government is planning to promote cultivation of organic vegetables and fruits, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any scheme by which farmers are encouraged for cultivation of organic vegetables and fruits, especially in North Eastern States; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) Government is promoting organic farming through dedicated schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCDNER) in North eastern Region since 2015-16. Under these schemes, farmers are primarily encouraged to adopt organic cultivation using organic inputs and the scheme provides end to end support to the farmers i.e. from production to marketing of organic produce is built-in in the scheme.

PKVY is implemented in all the States across the country to promote cultivation of organic vegetables and fruits through organic farming in cluster mode, in which, farmers are provided financial assistance of Rs 50000/ha for 3 years out of which, Rs. 31000/ ha / 3 years is provided directly to farmers through DBT for organic inputs such as seeds, bio fertilizers, bio-pesticides, organic manure, compost/vermi-compost, botanical extracts etc.

MOVCDNER is implemented in all the North Eastern States including for promotion of certified organic production, in which, organic farmers are supported to develop their value chain

from organic production to processing and marketing etc. through FPO formation. Under the scheme support for 3years is provided for creation of FPO, support to farmers for organic inputs, quality seeds/ planting material and training, hand holding and certification. Apart from that financial support is also provided as subsidy to FPOs and private entrepreneurs @ 75% and 50% respectively for setting up of post harvest infrastructure such as integrated processing unit, integrated pack house, cold chain component and small processing unit as per the requirement of value chain.

Apart from the above, with the aim to harness environmental and economic benefits,organic farming is also being promoted under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), i.e. a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the Government for holistic growth of the horticulture sector in the country.
