

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF ORGANIC CULTIVATION OF HORTICULTURAL CROPS IN MANGO BELT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NABARD plans to promote organic cultivation of horticultural crops in mango belt in the Southern districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NABARD has earmarked funds for such projects for other States like Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. NABARD has identified organic farming as one of the thrust areas and has sanctioned one project for promotion of organic cultivation of Alphonso mango to Central bank of India in Savadipatti Village in Theni district of Tamil Nadu covering an area of 54 hectare involving NABARD refinance of Rs.90 lakh.

(c) & (d): NABARD has not received any proposal for organic cultivation of horticulture crops in other States like Madhya Pradesh.