

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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ORGANIC FARMING STANDARDS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether APEDA has formulated plan for farmers to switch over to `organic farming` to boost the exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether APEDA has developed organic farming standards for various organic products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) : Under the aegis of National Programme on Organic Production, APEDA promotes organic farming through various export oriented initiatives, including development of model organic farms, conduct of awareness programmes etc.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. APEDA has developed organic standards for four crops namely, rice, sugarcane, pineapple and passion fruits.