

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND OF FRUITS VEGITABLE
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether demand from foreign countries is increasing for export of organically grown fruits/vegetables and importers are ready to pay some premium as in the case of tea;
- (b) if so, the supportive programmes being launched or have been planned in this regard; and
- (c) if, not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) Yes, Sir.

b) & c) The Government of India has prepared a National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) in order to guide and facilitate organic production and export of organically produced goods. Workshops and seminars are organised by the Commodity Boards under the Department of Commerce involved in accrediting certifying agencies for organic production, to create awareness on organic farming and exploit the export potential of organic products. Further, the Government has been supporting the participation of Commodity Boards in specialised international trade fairs on organic foods to promote exports of Indian organic products.