

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF BIO -AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes evolved by the Government for promotion of bio-agriculture;
- (b) the total hectares of land covered under bio-agriculture in the country, particularly in Rajasthan; and
- (c) the total funds allotted for promotion of bio-agriculture in the country, particularly in Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has taken up a new Central Sector Scheme `National Project on Organic Farming` for production, promotion and market development of organic farming (bio-agriculture) on pilot basis.
- (b): The total area covered under organic farming in the country is about 12.84 lakh hectares, out of which about 5,600 hectares are in Rajasthan.
- (c): Total funds amounting to Rs.57.05 crore have been allotted for promotion of organic farming in the country during the 10th Five Year Plan. Since fund releases are proposal based, no State wise allocation is made. However, funds amounting to Rs.20.65 lakh have been sanctioned to different organizations in Rajasthan for promotion of organic farming during 2005-06.