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ORGANIC FARMING IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any project proposal from the Government of Gujarat on organic farming under the National Programme on organic farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be approved?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. A project proposal was received from the Government of Gujarat under National Project on Organic Farming during 2005-06 for financial assistance of Rs.292.85 lakh for implementing the various components viz., training, field demonstration, capacity building through service providers, creating awareness and conducting seminars. As per the guidelines of the project and availability of funds, Rs.71.02 lakh was approved, out of which Rs.56.20 lakh has already been released to the State Government. Apart from the above, funds amounting to Rs.2.00 lakh was released to the Government of Gujarat during 2004-05 for setting up of a model organic farm.

Separately, a proposal has been received by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry from Government of Gujarat, which has been forwarded to Ministry of Agriculture for its implementation during 11th Plan.