

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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ORGANIC FARMING

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote organic farming throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to provide subsidy for the promotion of organic farming; and
- (d) the details of funds sanctioned during each of the last three years, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a):The Government is already promoting organic farming in the country.

(b) & (c): The Government is implementing a National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) for production, promotion and market development of organic farming in the country, wherein financial assistance is being provided for capacity building through service providers; setting up of organic input production units of fruit/vegetable wastes compost, bio-fertilizers and vermiculture hatcheries; trainings, field demonstrations, setting up of model organic farms; and market development. Government is also implementing National Horticulture Mission (NHM) under which promotion of organic farming has been included as one of the components and financial assistance is being provided for organic cultivation of horticultural crops, setting up of vermi-compost units and organic farming certification.

(d): The details of State-wise fund sanctioned under NPOF and NHM during each of the last three years for promotion of organic farming are given in statements at Annexures I & II respectively.