

the needs and requirements of the Ganga Basin States during the signing of the Treaty. Government of West Bengal has not protested.

Organic Farming

2236. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are encouraging organic farming;

(b) if so, the details of farm area under organic farming, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring out comprehensive policy for promotion of organic farming; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL):

(a) Yes, Sir. Organic farming implies the use of organic and biological sources of nutrients and discourages the excessive use of chemical fertilisers. However, the high nutrient demands of intensive production system cannot be met fully with the use of organic and biofertilisers alone. Government is promoting the Integrated Plant Nutrient Supply System (IPNS) involving the use of organic manures, farm waste, biofertilisers, bio-pesticides and chemical fertilisers.

(b) The use of organic manures depends upon its availability with farmers. Therefore, no separate statistics of farm area has been maintained.

(c) and (d) The Government is promoting the integrated nutrient management and integrated pest management by implementing following schemes:

- (i) National Project on Development and Use of Biofertilisers.
- (ii) Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilisers.
- (iii) Integrated Pest Management.

No separate policy has been made for promoting the organic farming.

Milk Production

2237. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to promote dairy farming on cooperative basis;

(b) if so, the achievement made in dairy farming during the Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have drawn plans to increase milk production in Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the target fixed and the efforts proposed to be made to achieve the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL):

(a) and (b) The primary responsibility for development of dairying on cooperative basis is that of their respective State Governments. However, the Government of India has implemented the following major dairy development programmes during the Eighth Plan Period to augment the efforts of the State Governments:—

(i) Operation Flood III (ii) Integrated Dairy Development Project (iii) Technology Mission on Dairy Development. State-wise achievement upto the end of Eighth Plan in respect of the above three schemes are given in Statements-I, II, III respectively.

(c) and (d) Government continues to lay emphasis on Dairy Development in Ninth Plan also. The Operation Flood Programme which was externally aided project has come to an end in April, 96. The NDDB is, however financing dairy projects in States in the post Operation Flood Period out of its own resources. A Statement indicating details of projects sanctioned by NDDB in post Operation Flood Period in all the States is given in Statement-IV. Apart from continuing all the projects under IDDP the Central Government has approved 7 new projects during the first two years of Ninth Plan as per details in Statement-V.