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LOK SABHA**

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ORGANIC FARMING AND NEW TECHNIQUES IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to encourage farmers to increase yield of fruits and vegetables through organic farming and familiarise them with new techniques in the field of agriculture; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): A National Programme for organic production has been finalized by the Government of India for encouraging farmers to take up organic farming including for fruits and vegetables. Under the programme organic farming accreditation agencies have been identified and guidelines on the regulations and procedures for accreditation have been brought out by Department of Commerce, Government of India.

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Government of India, is promoting enhanced use of bio-fertilizers, green manure, vermi-compost, Farm Yard Manure and also Neem based integrated Pest Management control measures in organic farming system.