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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ORGANIC FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has any plan to set up a National Institute of Organic Farming in the country particularly in Kerala;
- (b) If so, the measures taken so far and its proposed role; and
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILALBHUR1A)

(a) to (c): At present, there is no proposal to set up a National Institute of Organic Farming in the country including Kerala. However, during the X Plan, a new scheme, `National Project on Organic Farming` is in the process of approval for production, promotion, market development and certification of organic produce in the country on a pilot basis.