

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BIO FARMING PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps the Government proposes to take to make the farmers aware about bio-farming products and its huge market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the States which are involved in bio-farming?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): A new scheme, 'National Project on Organic Farming' has been taken up by the Government recently with an outlay of Rs.57.05 crores for production, promotion, certification and market development of organic farming (also known as bio-farming) in the country during the remaining period of X Plan. The main components of the scheme are:-

- (i) Putting in place a system of certification of organic produce.
- (ii) Capacity building through service providers.
- (iii) Financial support for commercial production units for production of organic inputs like fruits & vegetable waste compost, bio-fertilizer production and hatcheries for vermiculture.
- (iv) Training, field demonstration, Promotion & market development.

Besides Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has taken many initiatives for enhancing export of organic produce.

(c): Most of the State Governments are promoting organic farming including Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, North Eastern States, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Orissa.