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POLICY ON ORGANIC FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy on organic farming;
- (b) if so, whether a helpline to guide the farmers on organic farming is likely to be started;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these initiatives are likely to be implemented?

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 has already formulated a National Policy on organic farming which seeks to promote technically sound, economically viable, environmentally non-degrading and socially acceptable use of natural resources in favour of organic agriculture.
- (b): At present there is no proposal to start a helpline exclusively for organic farming. However, in order to facilitate, encourage and promote organic farming the Government has launched a "National Project on Organic Farming" (NPOF).