

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3106
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2010
MARKETING OF ORGANIC FARM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal for purchasing and marketing of organic farm products to encourage organic farming is under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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): There is no proposal under consideration of the Government for purchasing and marketing of organic farm products.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): The Government does not intend to enter into direct buying and selling of organic produce. However, Government is promoting organic farming under National Project on Organic Farming and other schemes.