

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to safeguard and nurture the traditional agriculture produce;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to augment research in revamping the existing local varieties of agriculture produce and seeds; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

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) to (c): Traditional Agriculture refers to our age old nature friendly farming systems with balance use of biological and natural resources so that farmers/consumers may have food, cattle may have feed/fodder and soil health is maintained without use of chemicals fertilizers/pesticide. With a view to discourage the use of pesticides and chemicals fertilizers eco-friendly technologies like Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) is being promoted through various Crop Development schemes. Besides, Government of India has also launched a National Project on Organic Farming for production, certification and marketing of organic produce in India.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed several specific, cost effective, eco-friendly technology in farmers participatory mode with due cognizance of availability of local resources and indigenous technology knowhow(ITK) and also impart training, organizations of frontline demonstration to educate farmers on these aspects through institute village linkages programmes and Krishi Vigyan Kendra etc.