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ORGANIC FARMING

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes being implemented to promote organic farming;
- (b) whether the demand for organic food is on the rise;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide any subsidy to promote organic farming;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the mechanism put in place for marketing of agricultural produce through organic farming?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The Government is promoting organic farming under various schemes as follows:

- (i) National Horticulture Mission (NHM)
- (ii) Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) and
- (iii) National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF)

(b) & (c): There are indications, including growing exports of Indian organic products given below, that demand for organic food is increasing.

Year of Exports	Volume in MT	Volume in Million US \$
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2006-07	19456	77
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2007-08	37533	100.4
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2008-09	44476.23	116
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(d) & (e): Government provides financial assistance for establishment of organic input production, adoption of organic farming, certification, awareness creation and publicity etc. under the various schemes.

(f): Under NPOF, support is provided to organic farming in shape of human resource development, quality control of organic inputs, information generation, awareness creation and publicity through print and electronic media. The Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) promotes export of Indian certified organic products abroad.