

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ORGANIC FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the area under organic farming in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the details of assistance provided by the Union Government to the States to encourage organic farming during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any policy to make the organic food products available at cheaper rate in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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): State-wise details of area under organic farming is enclosed at Annexure-I.
- (b): The details of assistance provided by the Union Government to the States to encourage organic farming under various schemes viz. National Project on Promotion of Organic Farming (NPOF), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) and Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) during the last three years are enclosed at Annexure-II, III & IV.
- (c) & (d): The price of organic food products depends on demand and supply. As a result of various measures being taken to encourage organic farming, the production is expected to increase which should impact prices.