

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the consumption of organic fruits and vegetables are on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the revenue generated under each produce during the last three years, State and year-wise;
- (c) whether there is any policy for the promotion of organic agricultural produce in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): While the details of consumption of organic fruits and vegetables as well as revenue generated are not available, the area under organic cultivation including fruits and vegetables, in the country has been increasing over the years and stood at 10.86 lakh hectares as on 31.03.2010 (State-wise details during last 3 years are at Annexure-I) and exports of organic agricultural produce are also increasing year to year (Annexure – II).

(c) & (d): Government has 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. To encourage and facilitate organic farming in the country, the Government has launched a National Project on Organic Farming during 2004-05.