

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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BIOMASS GENERATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is taking steps to promote generation of sufficient biomass in a field to be added to the soil which is an eco-friendly means of soil nutrition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Government is promoting for improvement of biomass in soils through agricultural practices such as green manuring and recycling of crops residues for improving soil health.

Assistance for generation of biomass/organic source of nutrients through production of vermi-composting, fruit and vegetable waste/agro waste composting is provided under various schemes such as, National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF). National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).