

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:110

ANSWERED ON:29.11.2011

ORGANIC FARMING

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government provides any financial and technical assistance to the States to encourage organic farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to set up some more regional centres of the National Centre of Organic Farming and also Organic Certification Agencies in other parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken to make organic food products available at cheaper rates in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 110 DUE FOR REPLY ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2011.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Central Government provides support to States to encourage organic farming through various schemes including National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF). Details of year-wise and State-wise assistance released to States under NHM and NPOF are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II, respectively. Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed technology for preparation of vermi-compost from rural and urban waste.

(c) & (d): Setting up of more regional centres of National Centre of Organic Farming (NCOF) as well as accreditation of more Organic Certification Agencies is based on finalization of proposals for this purpose and requisite approvals.

(e): It is expected that measures to promote organic farming will increase availability of organic products in the country, which may have favourable impact on price of organic products for the consumers.