

**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, State-wise;

(b) whether organic farming is gaining ground in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the public campaign being run for creating awareness amongst farmers about organic farming; and

(d) the details of the funds earmarked for organic farming during the 11th plan and the investment made so far in this regard, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): State-wise details of area under organic farming is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): Organic farming is gaining ground in the country since last seven years. The cultivated organic farming area has increased from 0.42 lakh ha during 2003-04 to 7.78 lakh ha during 2010-11. Besides, this 36.5 lakh ha wild harvest collection area is also under organic certification process. Country is now producing organic commodities worth over Rs. 6000 crores. In addition, eleven States have drafted policies for promotion of organic farming.

Further, Central schemes like National Project on Promotion of Organic Farming (NPOF), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) are catering to the need of area expansion, technical capacity building, technology transfer, awareness creation and publicity.

(d): State-wise assistance provided under different schemes of DAC namely NPOF, RKVY, NHM & HMNEH is at Annexure-II.