

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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STUDY ON ORGANIC FARMING  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Tamil Nadu in regard to organic farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to find out ways and means to promote organic farming in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) scheme, no proposal has been received from State Government of Tamil Nadu.

(c) & (d): Government had set up a Task Force in 2001 for promotion of organic farming in the country. Based on its recommendation, National Centre on Organic Farming and its six regional centres became operational during 2004. During 2008, Government constituted an "Expert Committee for Promotion of Organic Farming". Based on its recommendation, quality control regime for various organic inputs and farmer group centric certification system "PGS-India" were introduced in National Project on Organic Farming scheme.