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ORGANIC FARMING

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether of late several farmers in the country are switching over to organic farming from chemical based farming;
- (b) if so, the extent thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes launched by the Government for promotion of organic farming in the country; and
- (d) the funds earmarked or allocated and utilised by the States during the current year for promoting organic farming, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a): There is no report of any mass switch over to organic farming from chemical based farming but gradually farmers are switching over to organic farming.
- (b): State-wise area under organic farming for last 3 years is annexed.
- (c): A Centrally Sector Scheme – National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) launched in 2004-05. The project, inter-alia, provides financial assistance for setting up commercial organic inputs production units for nutrient mobilization and plant protection through Capital Investment Subsidy for fruit & vegetable waste/ agro-waste compost production units, bio-fertilizer, bio-pesticides production units, development and implementation of quality control regime and technical support for organic and biological inputs, human resource development through trainings, capacity building for low cost alternative certification.
- (d): Under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) scheme funding to the States has been discontinued since 2010.