

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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BIO-FARMING  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the area under cultivation of foodgrains and vegetables in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the percentage of land brought under the organic/bio-farming during the same period, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has recently received several proposals from the various State Governments including Madhya Pradesh for encouraging organic/ bio-farming in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the response of the Union Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a): The area under cultivation of foodgrains and vegetables in the country are 72085.60 thousand hectares and 8813.33 thousand hectare. State-wise area is at Annexure-I.
- (b): Total 0.76% land of 141 million hectare of cultivable land has been brought under organic farming. State-wise area under organic certification including wild harvest during 2011-12 is at Annexure-II.
- (c) & (d): Under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) the progress under organic farming under several States including Madhya Pradesh is at Annexure- III.
- (e): Government is already supporting financial assistance under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for setting up of vermi-compost units @ 50% of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 30,000/- per beneficiary and funds are also provided @ 50% of the cost subject to maximum of Rs. 10,000/- per hectare for a maximum area of 4 hectare per beneficiary for adoption of organic farming. Similar norms of assistance are applicable for assistance given under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana(RKVY).