

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received a number of applications from various certifying agencies for certification of organic products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted various awareness/training workshops to promote organic farming in 2012-13; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Directorate of Marketing and Inspection has received thirteen applications so far from Certifying Agencies for certification of organic products. Out of this, ten agencies have been granted Certificate of Authorization to grade and mark organic agricultural produce under Agmark for domestic trade under the provision of Organic Agricultural Produce Grading & Marking Rules, 2009. A list of certifying agencies who have been granted such certificate is enclosed in Annexure-I. Deficiencies in the remaining three applications have been communicated to the agencies.

(c) & (d): Under the National Project on Organic Farming, National and Regional Centres of Organic Farming have organized following training programmes on organic farming during the year 2012-13:

- (i) One programme of 30 days certificate course on organic farming.
- (ii) Seven programmes of 10 days training/refresher course for Analyst.
- (iii) Thirty programmes of 5 days trainer's training course on various subjects.
- (iv) Sixty programmes of 2 days training for extension officers.
- (v) Two programmes on national seminar (organic and biological inputs)

The above trainings are not State specific and participants in the trainings were from various States.