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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various State Government agencies which have secured accreditation from Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Agency (APEDA);
- (b) details of various private companies accredited to APEDA, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) number of organic certificate applications received and approved by these public/ private agencies in the last three years, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) Presently, there are seven Government Certification Bodies accredited under NPOP in India, the names of which are as given below:

- 1) Rajasthan Organic Certification Agency (ROCA), Jaipur.
- 2) Chhattisgarh Certification Society, India (CGCERT), Raipur.
- 3) Tamil Nadu Organic Certification Department (TNOCD), Coimbatore.
- 4) Madhya Pradesh State Organic Certification Agency, Bhopal.
- 5) Odisha State Organic Certification Agency (OSOCA), Bhubneshwar.
- 6) Export Inspection Agency (EIA) – New Delhi.
- 7) Uttarakhand State Organic Certification Agency (USOCA), Dehradun.

(b) There are seventeen private Certification Bodies accredited under NPOP in India the names of which are at Annexure - I. There is no certification body accredited under NPOP in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Number of registered operators under the Certification Bodies for whom the Scope Certificate was issued during last three years were 4145, 4462, 4417 respectively and during the current year upto Feb. 2013 the number is 3704. State-wise data is not maintained.