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INTEGRATED FARMING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to promote self sustained integrated farming system model wherein ninety per cent of nutrient requirement is met through farm level processing of waste bio-mass produced in the farm itself;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made by the Government so far, in this direction; and
- (c) the action plan prepared in this regard for the 12th Five Year Plan period?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Integrated Farming System is promoted under Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP), a sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). Under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), financial assistance is provided as back ended subsidy through NABARD for setting up/strengthening of existing Bio-fertilizer and/or Bio-pesticide Production Units, @ 25% of total financial outlay or Rs. 40.00 lakh whichever is less; and for setting up of Fruit and Vegetables Wastes/Agro-wastes Compost Production Units @ 33% of total financial outlay or Rs. 60.00 lakh, whichever is less. Organic farming is also one of the components of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) under which setting up vermi compost units are being promoted for use of waste bio-mass produced in the farms. Assistance for this purpose is provided @ 50% of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 30,000 per beneficiary. During XI Plan, 2.4 lakh vermi compost units have been set up under NHM. States are free to promote integrated farming system through sustainable nutrient management focusing on organic farming under RKVY. These interventions would be continued in the XII Plan also.