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COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any Committee to recommend ways and means for promotion of organic farming in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the main recommendations of the Committee; and
- (c) the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has constituted two Committees for promotion of organic farming in the country, main recommendations of the committee given below:

- (i) Task Force on Organic Farming constituted during May 2000 and report received during November 2001 and
- (ii) A Expert Committee for Promotion of Organic Farming constituted during October 2008. Report received during March 2009.

(c): Based upon the recommendations of Task Force on Organic Farming, a National Project on Promotion of Organic Farming (NPOF) scheme was launched during 2004-05, and to implement recommendations of the committee a National Centre of Organic Farming (NCOF) and six Regional Centres of Organic Farming (RCOFs) was constituted by renaming National Biofertilisers Development Centre (NBDC) and its six Regional Biofertilisers Development Centres (RBDCs). Some recommendations of Expert Committee such as effective quality control of organic inputs, launching of alternative certification system Participatory Guarantee System "PGS-India" has already been implemented during 2011-12.