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LOAN FOR ORGANIC FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to provide subsidies and soft loans for farmers engaged in organic farming as fraction of total component of loans and subsidies between States and Centre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any State has achieved the status of being fully organic or the Government has identified such States till date; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): Government is promoting organic farming across the country through various schemes/ programmes viz. National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Network Project on Organic Farming and National Programme on Organic Production (NPOP). Under these schemes assistance is provided for:

- a) Adoption of Organic Village for manure management and biological nitrogen harvesting.
- b) Promotion of Organic Input production on farmers' fields.
- c) Promotion of Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) certification.
- d) Promotion of NPOP certification for export of organic products.
- e) Establishment of organic input production units

Financial assistance is provided for setting up of mechanized Fruit/Vegetable/ Agro waste compost production units and Bio fertilizer / Bio pesticide units through NABARD. The pattern of assistance for these interventions is at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): The state of Sikkim has so far declared to go fully Organic. Financial assistance of Rs.6.46 crore has been released during 2014-15 for promotion of organic farming.