

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ORGANIC FARMING

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is promoting organic farming in the Indian Himalayan Region especially the North East Region of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of subsidy, incentive and loan provided to the States for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for technical capacity building for promoting organic farming in the region;
- (d) if so, the details including the expenditure incurred, project-wise and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (e): Government is promoting organic farming in the country including the Indian Himalayan Region especially the North East Region through various programmes under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Network Project on Organic Farming under ICAR.

Under Soil Health Management (SHM) component of NMSA, financial assistance upto 50% of cost subject to a limit of Rs.5,000/- per hectare and Rs.10,000/- per beneficiary is provided for promotion of organic inputs including bio/organic fertilizers. Also, financial assistance upto 33% of financial outlay, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.63.00 lakhs for establishment of agro / vegetable waste compost production units, and 25% of financial outlay subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.40.00 lakhs for biofertilizer production units, is provided as back-ended subsidy through NABARD.

Under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), various trainings are being conducted to promote the use of organic inputs under organic management system like Certificate Course of Organic Farming, Refresher Training Course for Analysts, Training for Field Functionaries and Extension Officers promote organic farming in the north eastern region.

The details of financial assistance provided to the North Eastern States through various schemes are given in Annexure I, II & III.