

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Exclusive Organic Farming Zones in Sikkim
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether after turning Sikkim into a fully organic State, many States have already started earmarking exclusive organic farming zones and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government plans to develop 10000 clusters of 20 hectares each across the country for promoting organic farming to cater to the growing domestic demand and high export potentials of such crops and if so, the details thereof and the area identified for this purpose, State-wise;
- (c) whether any incentives are being given to States and farmers for this purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and further steps taken or being taken by the Government to encourage organic farming in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Sikkim is declared as fully organic State in January, 2016. The States Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Nagaland , Uttarakhand and Gujarat have also started earmarking exclusive organic farming zones.

(b) to (d): Government is promoting Organic farming under Scheme Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana(PKVY) , a sub scheme of National Mission of Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) through adoption of organic village by cluster approach and certification through Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)- India programme . Under the scheme, the farmers will form a cluster of 20 hectare land and will be provided Rs.50, 000 per hectare per farmer in cluster during the 3 years to develop 10,000 organic clusters of 20 hectare each so as to cover certified area by 2 lakh hectare during the 3 years. The details of the Scheme Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana is given at Annexure I and State wise area registered under Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) - India programme is given at Annexure II. Government is also encouraging organic farming under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER), a sub scheme of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) for North Eastern States with a aim for development of certified organic production in a value chain mode to link growers with consumers and to support the development of entire value chain starting from inputs, seeds, certification, creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing, marketing and brand building initiative. The scheme was approved with an outlay of Rs. 400 crore for three years.