

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:226
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PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to accord priority for the promotion and development of organic farming across the country including hilly States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds sanctioned and allocated to incentivise organic farming during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)/Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan (VPKAS) have undertaken research and development work on organic farming in the country; and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) the details and the status of existing demand, supply and consumption of organic food products in the country including the volume and value of organic cash and food crops grown in the country during the said period, State-wise; and
- (e) the names of the countries which are leading producer of organic crops, India's position in this regard and the action plan and projections of the Government to improve the varieties of organic food crops/products in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 226 DUE FOR REPLY ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2014.

(a) & (b): Government is promoting organic farming across the country including hilly States 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.

Assistance is also 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. State-wise details of funds released for promotion of organic farming during last three years and current year through various missions/ programmes are at Annexure-II.

(c): Yes, Madam. ICAR-VPKAS, Almora has identified several crop varieties suitable for organic farming in hilly regions as per details at Annexure-III.

(d): State-wise details of area under organic cultivation for the year 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are at Annexure-IV.

Details of estimated area, production and consumption of certified organic products during last three years are given in table below.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Area excluding wild collection (Lakh ha) -	5.04		7.23
Production and consumption including wild harvest (Lakh tons)	6.91	13.41	12.36

Source: APEDA

Major crops produced and certified under National Programme on Organic Production (NPOP) for export include Basmati rice, wheat,

Maize, non-basmati rice, soybean, sesame, pulses, sugarcane, seed spices, tea, coffee, cotton etc.

(e) Countries with the largest area under organic cultivation are as follows:

Area	
(Million Hectare)	
Australia	12.0
Argentina	3.6
United States of America	2.2
China	1.9
Spain	1.6
Italy	1.2
Germany	1.0
France	1.0
Uruguay	0.9
Canada	0.8

India is at 16th Position

Exports from India of certified organic products have increased from 1.15 lakh tons in 2011-12 to 1.77 lakh tons in 2013-14.