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Sub: Department of Agriculture, A.P. - Right to information Act- Information on Organic Farming Schemes - Reg.

Ref: RTI Application received from Sri. Nishank Registered 2013 Dt: 31.01.13.

With reference to the information sought under RTI Act by Sri. Nishank, Please find enclosed here with the information on Organic farming schemes that are implemented by Department of Agriculture from 2007-08 to 2011-12 for the welfare of farmers.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

Joint Director of Agriculture (NRM) & APIO

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ORGANIC FARMING:

To promote Organic cultivation in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Department of Agriculture is taking following initiatives under different schemes. The Scheme wise/Year wise information furnished as below.

DISTRIBUTION OF GREEN MANURE SEED TO FARMERS ON 50% SUBSIDY:

- ❖ Green manuring is a best input for Soil health management under INM.
- ❖ Seed of Dhaincha, Sunhemp and Pillipesara distributed to farmers on 50% subsidy.

Year	Target <i>Qts</i>	Achvt. (Qtls)	Fin. Outlay	Expnd. (Rs. Lakh)	Scheme
2007-08	68000	64805	693.00	687.84	NSP/WP
2008-09	129452	93260	1100.00	941.63	NSP/WP
2009-10	52080	38890	869.46	601.60	RKVY/NSP/WP
2010-11	135000	74353	3175.33	1694.52	RKVY/NSP/WP
2011-12	100000	95097	2000.00	1877.40	NSP

ESTABLISHMENT OF VERMICOMPOST UNITS ON SUBSIDY.

- ❖ To encourage on farm compost production using available agriwaste by establishing Vermicompost units.

YEAR	Target	Achvt.	Fin.Outlay	Expnd. (Rs. Lakh)	Subsidy per unit	Scheme
2007-08	1500	1430	73.125	51.88	Rs.4875/-	NSP/WP
2008-09	6000	5960	292.50	290.55	Rs.4875/-	NSP/WP
2009-10	3806	2032	505.60	295.20	Rs.10000/- & Rs.20000/-	NFSM (Local Initiatives)
2010-11	600	564	120.00	112.80	Rs.20000/-	NFSM (Local Initiatives)
2011-12	3233	2241	808.25	560.25	Rs.25000/-	RKVY

ESTABLISHMENT OF VERMI HATCHERY UNITS ON 75% SUBSIDY.

- Establishment of Vermi-Hatchery Units is being promoted in the state by extending Rs.75000/- subsidy on capital Cost of unit i.e., Rs.1.00 lakh to farmers to ensure Earthworm supply with in the district.

Year	Target	Achvt.	Fin. Outlay	Expnd. (Rs. Lakhs)	Scheme
2007-08	44	41	33.00	30.75	NSP/WP
2008-09	85	85	63.75	63.75	NSP/WP
2009-10	352	280	264.00	210.00	NFSM (Local Initiatives)
2010-11	138	116	104.25	87.00	NFSM (Local Initiatives)
2011-12	398	267	298.50	200.25	RKVY

DISTRIBUTION OF BIO FERTILIZERS ON 50% SUBSIDY:

- Usage of Bio fertilizers improves soil microbial activity there by soil fertility. The biofertilizers i.e Rhizobium, Azospirillum Azotobacter and PSB procured from State Labs BCPL, Rajendranagar & ARS, Amaravathi (ANGRAU) and distributed both for soil application and seed treatment under ISOPOM Schemes.

Year	Target	Achvt (MT)	Fin.Outlay	Expnd. (Rs. In lakhs)	Scheme
2007-08	87.57	87.57	16.42	16.42	ISOPOM (Oil Seeds & Pulses)
2008-09	104.60	102.12	19.46	19.00	ISOPOM (Oil Seeds & Pulses)
2009-10	118.50	118.29	22.20	22.18	ISOPOM (Oil Seeds & Pulses)
2010-11	138.60	138.60	27.60	27.60	ISOPOM (Oil Seeds) & NFSM (Pulses)
2011-12	100.00	87.60	100.00	17.52	ISOPOM (Oil Seeds)

PROMOTION OF ORGANIC CERTIFICATION:

- To introduce farmers the concept of Certification and to enable them to market their produce at premium price the scheme Certification of Organic Farming is initiated in the year 2006-07. Department. is providing free Organic Certification to the farmers registered under the scheme involving External Certification agencies besides providing Trainings, Documentation and internal Control system. During 2007-08 & 2008-09 the budget is met under State plan ADF/NSP. In 2009-10 budget met from NFSM (Local Initiatives) and in Later years with savings available under the scheme.

Year	Target	Achvt. (ha)	Fin. outlay	Expnd. (Rs. In lakhs)	Scheme
2007-08	6251	6251	52.80	26.91	ADF
2008-09	7330	4781	40.80	31.05	NSP
2009-10	6385	5691	100.00	67.95	NFSM (Local Initiatives)
2010-11	2000	1800	100.00	80.00	NFSM (Local Initiatives) savings
2011-12	2016	1923	62.31	48.74	NFSM (Local Initiatives) savings

Impact : In view of the establishment of Vermi compost units and Vermi hatcheries in the State sufficient Vermi compost is made available locally to encourage more no. of farmers to take up organic farming. In Organic Certification scheme, around 4000 farmers registered and are in different stages of conversion.