

CERTIFIED ORGANIC FARMING(RKVY)2016-17

Introduction :

Organic farming is an eco-friendly farming system. It improves the soil fertility in a natural way to sustain the farming system. It produces quality as well as safe food for human beings and other animals also. As a whole it takes care of soil as well as human health.

At present one organic farming scheme under RKVY is running in 60 (sixty)nos of Assembly constituencies covering 3920 ha. The crops are non basmati rice like Joha , fine HYV rice, black rice , spices and vegetables.

The scheme adopted during 2013-14 and the actual execution year started during later part of 2014-15 only. It is a three year programme and as such though the project should come to an end during 2016-17, but it will take some more time to get full organic certificates.

There are two certification bodies like SGS India Pvt. Ltd and One Cert Asia. SGS has been working in 33(Thirty three)Constituencies where inspection for full organic certificate is over.But as per new norms, the farmers' group(60 nos of Organic Growers societies)are to be registered under Society Act,1860 for obtaining full organic certificate.The process of registration is on and accordingly after registration the matter will be forwarded to the certification bodies for necessary issue of full organic certificate. The inspection for full organic certificate for remaining 27 (twenty seven) farms (by One cert Asia) will start from August ,2017 onwards.

Objective :

1. To maintain natural soil health for the next generations.
2. To produce healthy and safe food.
3. To fetch premium price by the Organic farmers leading to higher income.
4. To generate employment opportunity to unemployed youths.
5. To conserve biodiversity.

Principles of Organic Farming

There are four principles widely adopted throughout the world which are also being implemented in our Certified Organic Program also. These are-

1. Principles of health.
2. Principles of ecology
3. Principles of fairness
4. Principles of care

Few important information-

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| Crop area: | 3290 ha |
| No of farmers involved: | 2791 nos |
| Status of Organic Certificate at present : | IC ₂ (Inconversion Stage ii) |
| Next Status of Certification : | Full Organic (Inspection by certification body has already started.) |

To meet up the committed liabilities during 2017-18, the Annual Action Plan has been proposed as follows-

| Sl No. | Activities | Quantity /No | Fund Proposed (Rs in Lakh) | Remarks |
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| 1 | ICS management @ Rs 1.525 Lakh /ICS | 60 ICS | 91.5 | FINAL INSTALLMENT For full organic certificate. |
| 2 | Certification bodies charge @ Rs 0.35 Lakh /ICS | 60 ICS | 21.0 | FINAL INSTALLMENT For full organic certificate. |
| | TOTAL | | 112.5 | |

(Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakhs and Fifty Thousand Only)

Expected Outcome :

- 1 .The actual land coverage under organic management as per organic certificate (IC1) is 3920.00 ha and the estimated organic production will be about 11,000 M.T. It will bring a positive impact on “**Assam Organic**” as a part of Govt .of India’s Mission to convert NE to Organic Hub.
2. The expected success of the scheme will be a boon for developing local organic markets also specially in city areas like Guwahati, Jorhat , Tezpur and Dibrugarh.
3. The Organic produces like Joha/ black rice, vegetables & spices will fetch export as well as domestic market and it will carry premium prices to the farmers leading to higher income