

National Project on Organic Farming

The National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) was launched on 1st October 2004 by subsuming National Project on Development and use of Biofertilisers. The NPOF is a Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. The NPOF is being implemented by National Centre of Organic Farming, Ghaziabad and its six Regional Centres at Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Imphal, Hisar, Jabalpur and Nagpur. The objectives of NPOF are as under :-

- a) Capacity Building through Service Providers
- b) Financial Support to different production units engaged in production of Biofertilisers, Fruit/vegetable Market Compost Units and Vermiculture hatcheries/compost units.
- c) Human Resources Development through training programmes on certification for Inspection agencies/service providers, production and quality control of organic inputs , extension officer and farmers
- d) Field demonstration on organic inputs/enriched biogas slurry
- e) Development of Model Organic Farm
- f) Market development for organic produces
- g) Development of domestic standard
- h) Support to new initiatives on technology related to organic farming
- i) Formulation of regulatory mechanism of organic farming
- j) Creation of awareness

Components of Financial support

S. No.	Components	Fund Provision (Rs in lakh)
1.	Capacity Building through Service Providers (for 1500 no of farmers @ Rs. 200/farmer)	3.00
2.	Training on certification for Inspection agencies/service providers,	0.51
3.	Production and Quality control of organic inputs	0.51
4.	Training of Field Functionaries/Extension Officers	0.39
5.	Training of farmers on organic farms	0.13
6.	Field demonstration of organic inputs	0.10
7.	Field demonstration on Enriched biogas slurry	0.16
8.	Fruit/vegetable Market Waste Compost Unit (100 ton /day capacity) (25% of TFO or maximum Rs. 40.00 lakh	40.00
9.	Biofertiliser Production Unit (150 ton/annum capacity) (25% of TFO or maximum Rs. 20.00 lakh	20.00
10.	Vermiculture Hatchery (150 ton/annum capacity) (25% of TFO or maximum Rs. 1.50 lakh	1.50

The National and Regional Centre of Organic Farming are notified testing laboratories are empowered under Fertilizer Control Order for quality testing of Biofertilisers and Organic fertilizers

The achievement of NPOF under various components during October 2004 till March 2009 is summarized below:

Sl. No.	Components	Amount/Unit
a.	Grants –in –Aids released (Rs.)	6802.37 lakh
b.	Training programmes organized through different organizations (nos)	4988
c.	Field demonstration conducted through different organizations (nos)	6967 nos
d.	Farmers fairs organized (nos)	6967 nos
e.	Fruits/vegetable Waste Market compost Units (nos)	27
f.	Biofertiliser Production units strengthened (nos)	46
g.	Vermiculture hatcheries/compost units (nos)	1201
h.	Capacity Building through Service Providers (nos)	468
i.	Biofertiliser, organic manures samples tested (nos)	5393
j.	Strain distributed (nos)	3182
k.	Technical assistance to organizations (nos)	829
l.	Publicity through printed literature (nos)	1,29,080
m.	Awareness through Radio Talk, TV and Newspaper (nos)	667
n.	Awareness through Seminar/Exhibition (nos)	82
o.	Number of farmers being converted to organic	2,79,699
p.	Area (in ha) being brought under organic farming certification	1.73 lakh