

PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING

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S.No.

Under National Program of Organic Produce(NPOP)*

Area covered under Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (In ha)

State Name

Organic area including conversion (including area of MOVCDNER)

Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)

National Mission on Clean Ganga (NMCG)

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Grand Total

(B) + (C) + (D) = 1151700 ha

Total area covered under organic farming (A+B+C+D) = **3809589.32**

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