

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **1. What is meant by Organic Certification?**

Organic Certification is a Certification process for producers of Organic Agricultural Products and generally involve a set of production standards for growing storage, processing, packaging and shipping for which a written assurance is given by a Certification body.

### **2. What is meant by Organic farming?**

Organic farming is a production system, which avoids the use of synthetically compounded fertilizers, pesticides, growth regulators, livestock feed additives and genetically modified organisms. It is the key to the sound development for a sustainable environment. It minimizes environmental pollution and the use of non renewable natural resources. It also conserves soil fertility and soil erosion.

### **3. Who should be contacted to get Organic Certification?**

Persons desiring to get Organic Certification should contact.  
The Director of Bihar state seed and Organic Certification Agency

Phone Number –9431818706  
e.mail. sca.patna@rediffmail,.com  
Web:

### **4. How should a person apply for Organic Certification?**

A person desiring to get Organic Certification shall send the following:

1. Application form,
2. General Information of the farm,
3. Farm Map,
4. Water and Soil Test Reports,
5. Annual Cropping plan,
6. Agreement with BSSOCA.
7. PAN (Permanent Account Number) Card copy

Along with required fee. With all the above the application should be sent to the Director of Bihar state seed and Organic Certification Agency

### **5. What is meant by Group Certification?**

Association of farm producers operating under a geographical proximity with identical thinking can form a group. The Certification shall be granted to the group with reference to the standards adopted by the group.

### **6. What is meant by Scope Certificate?**

Scope Certificate is the Certificate issued for the Organic operation which complies to the standards after the completion of stipulated conversion period. It also indicates that all that is produced from the registered unit (Farm) which is eligible for Organic Certification.

### **7. What is meant by Transaction Certificate?**

Transaction certificate is issued to the specified lot of goods (or) Consignment which have been derived from production and/ or processing system that has been certified. This certificate shall be essential for export of Organic products.

### **8. What is the requirement of conversion period for Organic Certification?**

The period between the date of registration and Certification Process is known as the conversion period. Generally for annual or seasonal crops it is 2 years and for perennial crop it is 3 years.

**9. What is fee structure for Organic Production?** Details given below.

**Tariff Structure of BSSOCA for Organic Certification**

S. N.	Tariff Structure	Registration Charges (Per Annum)	Inspection per man days charges	Scope Certificate Charges (NPOP)	Transaction Certificate (NPOP)	Approval & Certification Charges (Per Annum)
A	<b>For Grower Group Certification</b>					
1	For 25-500 Members in a Group	Rs 100/-@per member (Min Rs 5000/-)	Rs. 4000/-	Rs 1000/-	Rs 500/-	
B	<b>For Individual Farmer</b>					
1	Crop Production	Rs. 250/- per ha. (Min Rs 1000/-)	Rs. 2500/-	Rs 1000/-	Rs 500/-	
C	<b>For Processor/ Input Approval/ Trader</b>					
1	Small Unit Turn over up to 20 Lac.	Rs 4000/-	Rs 3000/-	Rs 1000/-	Rs 1000/-	Rs 5000/-
2	Medium Unit Turn over 21 to 40 Lac.	Rs 8000/-				Rs 11000/-
3	For Every additional 10 Lac turn over	Rs 2000/-				Rs 1500/-
4	For Every additional sub contracted unit	Rs 3000/-				Rs 1000/-
D	<b>Wild Harvest</b>					
1	Up to 100 ha. Area	Rs 1000/-	Rs 4000/-	Rs 1000/-	Rs 1000/-	
2	For every additional 100 ha. or fraction	Rs 500/-				

**Note:-**

1. Renewal charges will be charged 50% of registration charge.
2. Travel/Boarding/Lodging Charges will be extra as Rs 5 per km. (up to 1500 km to & fro travelling but minimum Rs 500/- per visit) Rs 4 /km for 1500 - 3000 km to & fro travelling 3 / km. for above 3000 km.
3. Chemical analysis, if required (*Soil/Water/Raw/Finished product sample etc.*) Actual expense cost to be borne by the operator.
4. For govt. sponsored Grower Group projects fee will be charged as per agreement for the project excluding lab analysis charges if any,
5. For Lab approval charge will be charged Rs 1000/- up to 10 commodities additional Rs. 100 per commodity or product.