

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2090**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09.08.2024

**PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH**

2090. SHRI BEEDHA MASTHAN RAO YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to start any programme to improve the health of the soil and consequently increase production;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any guidelines have been issued to farmers from time to time regarding the health of the soil;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether any training has been given to farmers regarding proper use of fertilizers to improve soil quality; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Soil Health & Fertility Scheme is being implemented by Government since 2015, wherein Soil Health Cards (SHCs) are issued to farmers to improve the health of the soil and consequently increase production. SHCs encourage judicious use of fertilizer including secondary and micro nutrients in conjunction with organic manures & bio-fertilizers. SHCs provide information on nutrient status of soil and recommendation on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health & fertility.

(c) & (d): 24.17 Crore Soil Health Cards have been issued so far to farmers which provide information about the health of the soil of the farmers' land. Once the Soil Health Card is generated, the advisory/guidelines are given to farmers through Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Krishi Sakhi etc.

(e) & (f): Till date, 6.8 lakh demonstrations, 93781 farmer's training programmes and 7425 farmer's mela have been organized across the country to educate farmers regarding proper use of fertilizers as per recommendation of Soil Health Card to improve soil quality.

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