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IMPLEMENTATION OF SOIL HEALTH CARD SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of the Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme;
- (b) the number of Soil Health Cards issued to farmers in Tamil Nadu so far;
- (c) the total financial allocation for the Scheme in Tamil Nadu and the amount utilized for soil testing, awareness programs and distribution of cards; and
- (d) the number of soil testing labs operational in Tamil Nadu and the infrastructure provided to support the widespread testing and distribution of Soil Health Cards to farmers in the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Under the Soil Health & Fertility Scheme Scheme, Soil Health Cards (SHCs) are issued to farmers to provide information on nutrient status of soil. Recommendations on judicious dosage and type of fertilizers for improving soil health and fertility are given. Soil samples are analysed for parameters such as pH, electrical conductivity, Organic Carbon, available Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, Sulphur, and micro-nutrients (Zinc, Copper, Iron, Manganese & Boron). Under the scheme, the financial assistance is provided for soil testing and generation of SHC, awareness generation, setting up new Soil Testing Labs besides strengthening of existing laboratories to undertake soil testing.

(b): 1.52 crore SHCs have been issued to the farmers in Tamil Nadu from year 2014-15 till date.

(c): Rs.101.40 crore has been released to the State of Tamil Nadu from year 2014-15 till date under the Scheme, for various components.

(d): As reported by State Government of Tamil Nadu, 37 soil testing laboratories, 19 Mobile Soil Testing Labs and 1 Central Control Lab are functioning in the State. These include the labs set up under SHC Scheme as well as from State budget.
