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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3231
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH DECEMBER, 2016

ISSUANCE OF SOIL HEALTH CARD

3231. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the norms fixed for issuing Soil Health Card;
- (b) the details of the facilities given by the Government to the Soil Health Card holders;
- (c) whether several institutions/NGOs have been nominated by the Government for issuing Soil Health Card; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of such centres opened and being run in various States including Uttar Pradesh so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): The Government has introduced Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme with the aim to provide Soil Health Cards to all 14 crore land holdings across the country once in a cycle of 2 years. Soil Health Cards provide farmers with recommendations on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for cultivation of various crops along with soil amendments. Nationally agreed norms / standards of 10 hectares for rainfed areas and 2.5 hectares for irrigated areas will be the grid for soil sample collection. A total of around 2.53 crore soil samples will be collected and tested to generate 14 crore soil health cards for its distribution to individual farm land holdings.

(c) & (d): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Government of India has signed an MoU on 8th November, 2016 with CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd. (CSC SPV) for printing of Soil Health Cards and registration of soil samples collected by the State Agriculture Offices through the Common Services Centers (CSCs).

All the States including Uttar Pradesh have been requested to consider tie ups with CSC SPV for registration of samples and printing of Soil Health Cards.

A few States like Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Assam have initiated steps to enter into collaboration with CSC SPV.
