GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 2017

SOIL HEALTH MISSION

2030. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER: SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY: SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ‡ãðŠãäÓã एवं किसान

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made several arrangements to facilitate and provide Soil Health Card to the farmers promptly in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the benefits accrued to the farmers therefrom;

(b) the number of beneficiaries thereunder in the country including Maharashtra, so far, State-wise;

(c) the status of State share in the implementation of Soil Health Card in the country; and

(d) whether the desired objectives of the implementation of Soil Health Mission have satisfactorily been achieved in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has introduced Soil Health Card Scheme in all States/UTs including Maharashtra with an aim to assist State Governments to evaluate fertility in all farm holding and issue soil health cards to farmers regularly in a cycle of 2 years. Soil health cards provide information to farmers on nutrient status of their soil along with recommendations on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and its fertility. Against the target of 2.53 crore soil samples, the States have collected 2.69 Crore samples and tested 2.01 crore samples. And against target of 14 Crore soil health Cards 5.53 Crore cards have been distributed to farmers. State-wise soil samples collected, tested and soil health cards issued to farmers are given at Annexure.

(c): Under the Soil Health Card Scheme, State share for North Eastern and Himalayan States are 90:10 and for other States 60:40 (Govt of India : State Governments).

(d): Against the target of 2.53 crore soil samples, the States have collected 2.69 Crore samples and tested 2.01 crore samples. And against target of 14 Crore soil health Cards, 5.53 Crore cards have been distributed to farmers. State Governments have shared the case-studies of farmers who have benefitted from the use of information in soil health card and have increased the productivity in cultivation of cereals, pulses, horticulture & oilseeds crops. A study conducted by National Productivity Council (NPC) in 2016 has shown that 84% of farmers have expressed that the information on soil status & nutrients recommendations have proven to be beneficial to them in reducing the cost of cultivation and improving productivity of crops.

Annexure

		Total target	Soil samples		
SI.		for 2015-16		•	Soil Health
No	States	& 16-17	Collected	Tested	Cards Issued
I.	SOUTH ZONE				
1	Andhra Pradesh	1348382	1468950	1337552	4355143
2	Karnataka	1665765	1675090	1445435	3366542
3	Kerala	127585	213909	150690	171313
4	Tamil Nadu	1274536	1267882	1252723	5517514
5	Telangana	1034678	1006496	955664	2750759
П.	WEST ZONE				
6	Gujarat	1589236	3334235	3013792	2414631
7	Madhya Pradesh	2313977	2315843	1825478	4387336
8	Maharashtra	2347121	2591912	2349000	9690000
9	Rajasthan	2308013	2320000	1173000	3140000
10	Chhattisgarh	703691	762304	718052	3319147
11	Goa	25000	25000	25000	20372
III.	NORTH ZONE				
12	Haryana	788670	788670	788670	440560
13	Punjab	835526	534820	289608	608744
14	Uttarakhand	135738	128046	117675	562092
15	Uttar Pradesh	4770399	4834726	2290995	7164228
16	Himachal Pradesh	69635	90595	88398	435438
17	J&K	165318	100142	65160	127633
IV.	EAST ZONE				
18	Bihar	1308778	1388123	813570	2837195
19	Jharkhand	115302	115302	90300	180095
20	Odisha	668635	637273	528761	1572828
21	West Bengal	1300349	1020000	640000	1953000
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22	Arunachal Pradesh	20532	20262	19001	9670
23	Assam	278707	164104	49635	138174
24	Manipur	20713	9719	6380	5351
25	Meghalaya	39372	37676	34108	45587
26	Mizoram	11986	11370	8816	8216
27	Nagaland	33423	24995	20675	17700
28	Sikkim	13217	13217	13217	27000
29	Tripura	32736	33000	33000	66213
VI.	Union Territories				
30	Andaman & Nicobar	1405	1870	1870	0
31	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	2162	0	0	0
32	Puducherry	3530	4736	4534	595
33	Chandigarh	277	544	0	0
Total		25354394	26940811	20150759	55333076

State-wise Number of Soil samples collected, tested and Soil Health Cards issued to farmers.