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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2738
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST AUGUST, 2017

EXPENDITURE ON SOIL HEALTH CARDS

2738. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ऋदुशुआओँ एवं किसान कल्याण १/३३३३३३ be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds spent on Soil Health Cards as against funds allocated during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether paucity of funds has been reported in the implementation of the scheme and if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide state-of-the-art/advanced infrastructure and equipment to enhance the performance and capacity of soil testing laboratories in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has observed any reduction in excessive use of urea in States like Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan since issuance of soil health cards and testing of soil by the laboratories therein and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

ऋदुशुआओँ एवं किसान कल्याण १/३३३३३३ १/३३३३ १/३३३३ १/३३३३ (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a): A statement showing state-wise fund released during the last three years is given at **Annexure**. During the current year no funds have been released so far.
- (b): There is no report on paucity of funds for implementation of the scheme.
- (c): Under Soil Health Management (SHM) scheme financial assistance is provided to State Governments for setting up of new static/mobile/Mini Soil Testing Laboratories and strengthening of existing soil testing laboratories.
- (d): In Haryana, about 9.17% less consumption of urea has been observed during Kharif season 2016-17 as compared to Kharif 2015-16. Similarly a decrease about 6.43% consumption was observed during Rabi season 2016-17 compared to that of Rabi 2015-16. In Rajasthan, distribution of soil health card is in progress, the

anticipated decrease in consumption of urea is 5-8%. In Punjab consumption of urea has come down from 28 lakh MT in 2015-16 to 27.27 lakh MT in 2016-17.

Annexure

State-wise fund released under **Soil Health Card** Scheme from 2014-15 to 2016-17

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	State	Fund Released during		
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1	Andhra Pradesh	124.08	457.75	1394.47
2	Arunachal Pradesh	12.23	17.18	37.37
3	Assam	50.85	142.07	365.03
4	Bihar	253.39	488.17	0.00
5	Chhattisgarh	66.04	281.03	342.72
6	Goa	11.51	12.42	0.00
7	Gujarat	80.76	603.46	528.69
8	Haryana	34.13	288.22	0.00
9	Himachal Pradesh	24.08	47.34	29.42
10	J & K	31.79	77.16	0.00
11	Jharkhand	50.69	53.97	64.18
12	Karnataka	127.02	650.25	1029.80
13	Kerala	112.62	60.93	0.00
14	Madhya Pradesh	142.86	888.05	1373.54
15	Maharashtra	215.96	932.30	1910.73
16	Manipur	12.80	17.58	0.00
17	Meghalaya	13.62	20.60	0.00
18	Mizoram	11.98	13.79	6.15
19	Nagaland	13.18	22.46	17.55
20	Odisha	80.23	269.89	304.48
21	Punjab	25.81	304.98	0.00
22	Rajasthan	143.42	875.79	1108.29
23	Sikkim	11.75	11.81	0.00
24	Tamil Nadu	131.91	469.51	644.92
25	Telengana	93.48	352.92	468.25
26	Tripura	18.38	22.71	59.21
27	Uttar Pradesh	354.47	1716.12	2442.05
28	Uttarakhand	23.40	65.19	144.70
29	West Bengal	117.14	480.12	1094.96
	Total	2389.58	9643.77	13366.49

So far, No funds released during 2017-18