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

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.668 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER. 2017

## **TEST OF SOIL SAMPLES**

668. SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ‡ãðŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ"ããè be pleased to state:

- (a) the break-up of soil samples that have been tested under the Soil Health Card Scheme till date in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the scheme is successful in bringing down the input costs and increase in the production of crops; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

## **ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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- (a): Break up of State-wise soil samples tested under the Soil Health Card Scheme is given at Annexure.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. As per study conducted by National Productivity Council (NPC), application of fertilizer and micronutrients based on Soil Health Card recommendations resulted in 8-10% of fertilizer savings. There is overall increase in the yield of crops to the tune of 5-6% by adopting the SHC recommendations.

Impact study conducted by MANAGE, Hyderabad indicated that there is reduction in Nitrogen based fertilizers and increase in bio-fertilizer and micro-nutrients use.

Annexure

State-wise Status of Soil Samples collection and Testing As on 12.12.2017

		2015-17		2017-19	
S.No.	Name of State	Samples during Cycle-I		Samples during Cycle-II	
		Collected	Tested	Collected	Tested
	Group-I				
1	Uttar Pradesh	4770399	4770399	1556326	526174
2	Maharashtra	2347121	2347121	1473815	859717
3	Madhya Pradesh	2313977	2313977	751958	381618
4	Rajasthan	2308013	2308013	640000	352000
	Group-II				
5	Karnataka	1665765	1665765	473944	405395
6	Gujarat	1589236	1589236	814000	176669
7	Andhra Pradesh	1348382	1348382	254098	254098
8	Bihar	1308778	1085479	336824	160768
9	West Bengal	1300349	1300349	303000	137000
10	Tamil Nadu	1274536	1274536	645302	418883
11	Telangana	1034678	1034678	466836	150266
	Group-III				
12	Punjab	835526	437756	262814	0
13	Haryana	788670	788670	509814	108000
14	Chhattisgarh	703691	703691	313043	229685
15	Odisha	668635	668635	188122	128496
	Group-IV				
16	Kerala	127585	127585	0	0
17	Goa	25000	25000	6757	4453
18	Uttarakhand	135738	135738	53067	42758
19	Himachal Pradesh	69635	69635	42875	42272
20	J & K	165318	158051	38361	17175
21	Jharkhand	115302	115302	46717	39296
22	Arunachal Pradesh	20532	20532	0	C
23	Assam	278707	118331	0	C
24	Manipur	20713	16966	0	C
25	Meghalaya	39372	39372	12363	9026
26	Mizoram	11986	10262	426	C
27	Nagaland	33423	33423	600	500
28	Sikkim	13217	13217	0	C
29	Tripura	32736	32736	8623	6091
	U Ts	32.00	32.33	3323	
		1405	1405	570	333
30	Andaman & Nicobar				
31	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	2162	2162	0	0
32	Puducherry	3530	3530	3003	1683

	Total	25354117	24559934	9203258	4452356
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