

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 241
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MARCH, 2018

SOIL HEALTH CARD

*241. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

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

- (a) whether Soil Health Card Scheme plays a vital role in enhancing agricultural production in a sustainable manner in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Soil Health Cards have been distributed to the farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana advocating the farmers to adopt soil test based fertilizers; and
- (c) if so, the number of Soil Health Cards issued to the farmers of these States during the last four years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण ½â"ãè (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 241 DUE FOR REPLY ON 13TH MARCH, 2018.

(a) to (c): Soil Health Card Scheme plays a vital role in enhancing agricultural production in a sustainable manner. The Government has introduced Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme to assist State Governments to provide Soil Health Cards to all farmers across the country once in a cycle of 2 years. Soil Health Cards provides 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, which results in enhanced agricultural productivity.

Soil Health Card scheme is being implemented throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana advocating the farmers to adopt soil test based fertilizers. The number of Soil Health Cards issued to farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana between 2015-18 are 84.67 lakh, 156.76 lakh and 62.15 lakh respectively.

Annexure

State-wise and Cycle-wise Target and Achievement of Soil Health Card Distribution under Soil Health Card Scheme

(as on 06.03.2018)

S.No	State	First Cycle (2015-17)		Second Cycle (2017-19)	
		Target	SHCs printed & distributed	Target	SHCs printed & distributed
1	Uttar Pradesh	16991000	16581748	11662730	1074766
2	Maharashtra	12977232	12977232	6488616	2699184
3	Madhya Pradesh	8872377	8872377	4436189	2183000
4	Rajasthan	6886000	6886000	3443000	1198000
5	Karnataka	7832189	7832204	3916095	1492780
6	Gujarat	5108923	5108923	2554462	0
7	Andhra Pradesh	7455204	7455204	3727602	1011863
8	Bihar	6469650	6469650	3618117	1038883
9	West Bengal	5040510	5040510	2520255	834000
10	Tamil Nadu	7000000	7000000	3500000	966951
11	Telangana	5720737	5720737	2860369	494482
12	Punjab	1053000	948634	2309811	0
13	Haryana	4227238	4227238	2180278	47625
14	Chhattisgarh	3890709	3890709	1945355	1640830
15	Odisha	2374233	2374233	1848441	410726
16	Kerala	705420	705420	2852208	0
17	Goa	25000	25000	12500	4223
18	Uttarakhand	750494	750494	375247	241992
19	Himachal Pradesh	385011	385011	480383	333657
20	J & K	692062	692062	457022	71281
21	Jharkhand	637507	637507	318754	96367
22	Arunachal Pradesh	20532	20532	56762	0
23	Assam	1540968	750086	770484	0
24	Manipur	114522	114522	57261	0
25	Meghalaya	209561	209561	104781	35904
26	Mizoram	11986	11986	5993	73
27	Nagaland	184797	184797	92399	0
28	Sikkim	46000	46000	23000	0
29	Tripura	117723	117723	58862	12343
30	Andaman & Nicobar	10000	10000	3900	0
31	Dadar Nagar & Haveli	2162	2162	6000	0
32	Puducherry	19594	19594	9797	0
	Total	107372341	106067856	62696665	15888930
