

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 506**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/04/2018

**MINI LABS FOR SOIL TESTING**

**\*506. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative for setting up of mini labs in Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for soil testing across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of mini labs established by the Government in KVKs including the State of Haryana; and
- (c) the number of farmers benefited under this scheme and the steps taken by the Government to develop more mini labs for soil testing?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री **(SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)**

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

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**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED  
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**(a) & (b):** Yes, Madam. The Government has set up 978 Mini Soil Testing Labs in 658 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). The state-wise details of Mini Soil Testing Labs set up in KVKs including the State of Haryana are given in **Annexure-I**.

(c) As many as 19.83 lakh farmers have been benefitted through 7.63 lakh advisories provided by KVKs on Soil Health Management. In addition, 6.83 lakh Soil Health Cards have also been distributed to farmers after testing the soil samples by Mini Soil Testing Labs. The State- Wise details of advisories issued by KVKs on soil health management, number of soil health cards issued and the number of farmers benefitted are given in **Annexure –II**. The Government has also made provision for setting up of village level soil testing labs by village entrepreneurs under Soil Health Scheme by providing financial assistance upto 75% of the total cost of Rs. 5.0 lakh per project. The cost will be shared on 60:40 basis by Government of India and States (90:10 basis for North East and Hilly States).

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## State Wise Details of mini soil testing labs set up in KVKs

S. No.	State	Number of KVKs having mini soil testing labs	Total Number of mini soil testing labs with KVKs
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	3	5
2.	Andhra Pradesh	24	48
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	14	17
4.	Assam	25	36
5.	Bihar	36	36
6.	Chhattisgarh	24	25
7.	Delhi	1	1
8.	Goa	01	03
9.	Gujarat	41	41
10.	Haryana	14	14
11.	Himachal Pradesh	13	25
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	20	34
13.	Jharkhand	21	21
14.	Karnataka	31	49
15.	Kerala	14	20
16.	Lakshadweep	0	0
17.	Madhya Pradesh	46	59
18.	Maharashtra	43	68
19.	Manipur	9	14
20.	Meghalaya	5	9
21.	Mizoram	8	10
22.	Nagaland	11	15
23.	Orissa	33	65
24.	Pondicherry	1	3
25.	Punjab	21	43
26.	Rajasthan	59	59
27.	Sikkim	4	5
28.	Tamil Nadu	27	52
29.	Telangana	16	29
30.	Tripura	5	9
31.	Uttar Pradesh	56	107
32.	Uttarakhand	12	18
33.	West Bengal	20	38
<b>Total</b>		<b>658</b>	<b>978</b>

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**Annexure-II**  
**[Part (c) of Lok Sabha SQ No.506 for 03/04/2018]**

**Number of farmers benefited through Mini Soil Testing Labs**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Number of Advisory issued on soil health management</b>	<b>Number of Soil Health cards distributed</b>	<b>Number of farmers benefitted</b>
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	25	1286	1286
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1192	2543	3735
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	258	4635	4421
4.	Assam	432	12869	17552
5.	Bihar	29944	29944	29944
6.	Chhattisgarh	17	24468	354981
7.	Delhi	480	480	480
8.	Goa	2698	2698	2698
9.	Gujarat	18875	18539	18539
10.	Haryana	4582	4195	4195
11.	Himachal Pradesh	33	1268	897
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	41	1228	1169
13.	Jharkhand	26664	26664	26664
14.	Karnataka	7367	7367	7367
15.	Kerala	812	812	812
16.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
17.	Madhya Pradesh	30	43743	1003580
18.	Maharashtra	224809	224809	224809
19.	Manipur	603	2323	2165
20.	Meghalaya	173	666	956
21.	Mizoram	217	837	1515
22.	Nagaland	498	1919	1534
23.	Orissa	325	32722	32722
24.	Pondicherry	270	250	520
25.	Punjab	240	5562	2406
26.	Rajasthan	41214	44961	44961
27.	Sikkim	103	842	867
28.	Tamil Nadu	2681	2008	4689
29.	Telangana	3519	764	4283
30.	Tripura	143	550	1631
31.	Uttar Pradesh	394516	162507	162507
32.	Uttarakhand	30	1309	1200
33.	West Bengal	210	17908	17908
<b>Total</b>		<b>763001</b>	<b>682676</b>	<b>1982993</b>

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