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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 504
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2018

SOIL HEALTH CARD

504. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of Soil Health Card Scheme started by the Government;
- (b) whether the Soil Health Card Scheme has benefitted the farmers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of Soil Health cards distributed to the farmers so far and the number of such cards likely to be issued further?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): Soil Health Card Scheme is being implemented to assist all State Governments to evaluate fertility in all farm holdings across the country and issue soil health cards to farmers regularly in a cycle of 2 years. The aim and objectives of the scheme is to issue soil health cards giving 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.

(b) & (c): National Productivity Council (NPC), in their study, has reported savings of 8-10% of fertilizers and 5-6% increase in crop yield, as a result of fertilizer application as per the recommendations of soil health cards. About 1051.81 lakh soil health cards issued to farmers during the first 2 year cycle of the scheme (2015-16 to 2016-17). And 118.53 lakh soil health cards issued to farmers during second 2 years cycle (2017-18 to 2018-19) as on 30.01.2018. The cycle is to be repeated every 2 years.
