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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5826
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD APRIL, 2018

POLICY DIRECTIVE FOR SOIL HEALTH

5826. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

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

- (a) whether there are policy directives of the Union Government to be implemented by the Agricultural Departments of the States for maintaining productivity of soil/soil health;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the States in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Government has introduced Soil Health Card Scheme in all States/UTs with an aim to assist all State Governments to evaluate fertility in all farm holding across the country and issue soil health cards to farmers regularly in a cycle of 2 years. Soil health cards provide 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. All the States have been implementing Soil Health Card Scheme and issuing soil health cards to farmers.
