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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3425
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH AUGUST, 2018

DECLINE IN AGRICULTURE COST

3425. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

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

(a) whether the cost of agriculture is decreasing on the one hand and agricultural production is substantially increasing on the other as a result of the implementation of soil health card scheme launched by the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): 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.

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.