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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 116
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH DECEMBER, 2018

SOIL HEALTH CARD SCHEME

116. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cards have been made for the farmers under the soil health card scheme in the country during the last four years;
- (b) if so, the number of farmers for whom such soil health cards have been made State-wise and district-wise particularly in Jalgaon district of Maharashtra;
- (c) the number of such farmers who have been given suggestion to grow new crops through these cards along with the details of these suggestions, State-wise and district-wise particularly in Jalgaon district of Maharashtra;
- (d) the percentage of farmers who have got the benefits of new crop system through these suggestions;
- (e) the percentage of increase in the income of farmers including the details thereof;
- (f) the number of Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) constructed in/near APMC Mandis in States after the implementation of National Agriculture Market (NAM) along with the details thereof; and
- (g) the difference between this service and the Soil Health Card Scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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

(a): The Government has introduced Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme during 2015 to assist State Governments to provide Soil Health Cards to all farmers across the country.

(b): A statement showing state-wise soil health cards distributed to farmers is given at Annexure-I and district-wise information of distribution of soil health cards to farmers in Maharashtra particularly Jalgaon district is given at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): The fertilizer recommendations are given only for those crops which the farmers want to grow on the basis of soil health cards recommendations and new crops are not suggested.

(e): National Productivity Council (NPC) in their study (February 2017), has reported savings of 8-10% of fertilizers and 5-6% increase in crop yield.

(f): As per information received from states, 11 Soil Testing Laboratories in Chhattisgarh and 5 Soil Testing Laboratories in West Bengal have been set up in/near APMC Mandis.

(g): The services rendered by both the facilities are similar since all the 12 parameters as per Soil Health Card scheme guidelines have to be delivered.

Annexure-I**State-wise statement on distribution of Soil Health Cards
distributed to farmers (As on 04.12.2018)**

Sl.No.	States/UTs	No of Soil Health Cards Distributed during 2017-18 & 2018-19
1	Uttar Pradesh	13045920
2	Maharashtra	7260467
3	Madhya Pradesh	5776153
4	Rajasthan	4801000
5	Karnataka	4648581
6	Gujarat	4265518
7	Andhra Pradesh	3739932
8	Bihar	2057670
9	West Bengal	1370000
10	Tamil Nadu	4351897
11	Telangana	2164073
12	Punjab	442917
13	Haryana	705486
14	Chhattisgarh	4102172
15	Odisha	965222
16	Kerala	673960
17	Goa	12000
18	Uttarakhand	659149
19	Himachal Pradesh	681966
20	J & K	490827
21	Jharkhand	196600
22	Arunachal Pradesh	0
23	Assam	0
24	Manipur	15000
25	Meghalaya	168195
26	Mizoram	8856
27	Nagaland	36823
28	Sikkim	0
29	Tripura	94550
30	Andaman & Nicobar	5900
31	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0
32	Puducherry	2200
Total		62743034

Annexure-II

District-wise information of distribution of soil health cards in Maharashtra including Jalgaon.
(As on 30.11.2018)

Sl. No	District	No of soil health Cards distributed(2017-18 & 2018-19)
1.	Thane	49180
2.	Palghar	17468
3.	Raigad	93324
4.	Ratnagiri	142818
5.	Sindhudurga	75057
6.	Nasik	547905
7.	Dhule	159722
8.	Nandurbar	52434
9.	Jalgaon	245182
10.	Ahmednagar	660636
11.	Pune	537992
12.	Solapur	325840
13.	Satara	311683
14.	Sangli	290641
15.	Kolhapur	409160
16.	Aurangabad	237153
17.	Jalna	199852
18.	Beed	131000
19.	Latur	186196
20.	Osmanabad	230535
21.	Nanded	257210
22.	Parbhani	186363
23.	Hingoli	140572
24.	Buldhana	294425
25.	Akola	118305
26.	Washim	77613
27.	Amaravati	165342
28.	Yeotmal	172614
29.	Wardha	116225
30.	Nagpur	114075
31.	Bhandara	120826
32.	Gondia	128110
33.	Chandarpur	207456
34.	Gadchiroli	88867
	Total	7091781
