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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4395**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2019

**SOIL HEALTH CARDS AND SOIL TEST LABS**

4395. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set any target to cover all the farmers under the Soil Healthcard scheme in the country;
- (b) if so, the achievement of the scheme till date, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the soil health cards are made available to the farmers to receive the benefits, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has set up adequate number of Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) in the States to facilitate farmers;
- (e) if so, whether all the Soil Testing Labs in the country are functional to provide services to farmers;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**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): Government has set a target to provide Soil health cards to all the farmers in the country every 2 years. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Cycle (2015-16 & 2016-17), 10.74 crore soil health cards were distributed to farmers and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle (2017-18 & 2018-19), against the target of 12.04 crore soil health cards, 7.23 crore soil health cards have been distributed by State Governments/UTs to farmers as on 01.01.2019. Soil health card provides information to the farmers on nutrient status of their soil along with recommendations on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving crop productivity and soil fertility.

(d) to (g): Financial assistance is provided to States under Soil Health Management (SHM) Scheme to set up adequate number to STLs. The number of soil testing labs functioning in the country is given at **Annexure**.

**State-wise Soil Testing Laboratories functioning in the country up to March, 2018**

S.No	States	Static STLs	Mobile STLs	Mini STLs	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	82	15	1328	1425
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5	3	0	8
3	Assam	9	6	200	215
4	Bihar	39	6	0	45
5	Chhattisgarh	28	5	111	144
6	Delhi	1	0	0	1
7	Goa	3	1	0	4
8	Gujarat	136	5	230	371
9	Haryana	38	3	50	91
10	Himachal Pradesh	11	10	69	90
11	J&K	13	11	0	24
12	Jharkhand	8	0	1300	1308
13	Karnataka	68	3	6	77
14	Kerala	15	13	152	180
15	Madhya Pradesh	317	21	626	964
16	Maharashtra	169	37	1318	1524
17	Manipur	4	4	0	8
18	Meghalaya	3	3	8	14
19	Mizoram	3	3	0	6
20	Nagaland	4	0	0	4
21	Odisha	22	20	0	42
22	Puducherry	2	0	0	2
23	Punjab	56	15	128	199
24	Rajasthan	90	24	0	114
25	Sikkim	4	2	0	6
26	Tamil Nadu	32	17	0	49
27	Telengana	0	3	2050	2053
28	Tripura	3	6	100	109
29	Uttar Pradesh	260	31	0	291
30	Uttarakhand	13	3	0	16
31	West Bengal	22	14	0	36
32	ICAR	0	0	1076	1076
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1460</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>8752</b>	<b>10496</b>

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