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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4514
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH JANUARY, 2019

SOIL TESTING LABS

4514. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for increasing yields by making arrangements for soil testing of farms in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether appropriate arrangements have been made for the soil testing; and
- (d) if so, the number of soil testing laboratories functioning in the country as on March 2018, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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

(a) & (b): 'Soil Health Card' (SHC) scheme has been launched since 2015 to provide Soil health cards to all the farmers in the country every 2 years. Soil health card provides information to 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. In the 1st Cycle (2015-16 & 2016-17), 10.74 crore soil health cards were distributed to farmers and in the 2nd 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.

(c) & (d): Government has been providing financial assistance to States for setting up of soil testing laboratories according to their requirement. State-wise number of various types of soil testing laboratories functioning in the country as on March, 2018 is given in **Annexure**.

State-wise number of Soil Testing Laboratories functioning in the country as on 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
	Total	1460	284	8752	10496
