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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3314
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 2023

SOIL HEALTH CARDS

3314. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

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

(a) the total number of farmers who have been provided with Soil Health Cards in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of Soil Health Testing Laboratories established and functioning in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(c) the details of number of farmers who got their soil tested in the centres during the last three years, district-wise; and

(d) the benefits of getting a soil test for the farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Total numbers of 1,35,91,963 Soil Health Cards have been provided to farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

(b): Total sixty (60) numbers of soil testing laboratories have been established in Andhra Pradesh. The district-wise details of Soil Testing laboratories are **at Annexure-I**.

(c): The details of number of farmers who got their soil tested in the centres during the last three years, district-wise are **at Annexure-II**.

(d): The Soil Health Card scheme under National Project on Soil Health and Fertility launched in the year 2015 with an aim to assist the States/Union Territories to provide Soil Health Cards for all farm holdings across the country. Soil health card provides information to the farmers on fertility status of their soils to enables them to apply soil health card based recommended balanced doses of fertilizers in an integrated way in conjunctive use of chemical fertilizers, organic fertilizers and bio-fertilizers so as expected to reduce the consumption of chemical fertilizers and increase use of organic sources of plant nutrients which in turn improve the soil fertility as well as nutrient use efficiency.

Annexure-I**District-wise details of Soil Testing laboratories functioning in Andhra Pradesh**

S. No	Name of the district	Number of soil testing laboratories
1.	Srikakulam	2
2.	Vizianagarm	3
3.	Parvathipuram Manyam	2
4.	Alluri Seetharamaraju	2
5.	Visakhapatnam	1
6.	Anakapalli	2
7.	Kakinada	3
8.	Konaseema	2
9.	East Godavari	3
10.	West Godavari	1
11.	Eluru	2
12.	Krishna	3
13.	NTR	2
14.	Guntur	1
15.	Palnadu	2
16.	Bapatla	2
17.	Prakasam	3
18.	SPSR Nellore	5
19.	YSR	3
20.	Annamayya	2
21.	Kurnool	3
22.	Nandyal	2
23.	Ananthapuram	2
24.	Sri Satya Sai	2
25.	Chittoor	3
26.	Tirupati	2
Total		60

Annexure-II

Details of district-wise number of farmers who got their soil tested during the last three years,

S.No.	District	Soil sample tested during 2019-20 to 2021-22
1.	Srikakulam	5305
2.	Vizianagarm	7210
3.	Visakhapatnam	6300
4.	East Godavari	22368
5.	West Godavari	12657
6.	Krishna	18952
7.	Guntur	23625
8.	Prakasam	25271
9.	Nellore	12708
10.	Chittoor	12677
11.	Kadapa	12082
12.	Ananthapur	40782
13.	Kurnool	26550
	Total	226487
