

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3813
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17/03/2020

MINI LABS UNDER KVKs

3813. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) the total number of mini labs established by the Government in Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) including in Maharashtra and the details thereof; and
- (b) the number of farmers benefited under this scheme and the steps taken by the Government to develop more mini labs for soil testing?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) For testing the soil samples of farmers involved in frontline extension activities by Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) at district level, the Government has set up 1148 Mini Soil Testing Lab in 673 KVKs. The State-wise details of mini soil testing labs established in different Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) including in Maharashtra are at **Annexure-I**.

(b) As many as 33.47 lakh farmers have been benefitted through 9.54 lakh advisories provided by KVKs on Soil Health Management. In addition, 17.62 lakh Soil Health Cards have also been distributed to farmers after testing the soil samples by Mini Soil Testing Labs. The Government has also made provision for setting up of village level soil testing labs by village entrepreneurs under Soil Health Scheme by providing financial assistance up to 75% of the total cost of Rs. 5.0 lakh per project. The cost is shared on 60:40 basis by Government of India and States (90:10 basis for North East and Hilly States).

Annexure-I

[Part (a) of Lok Sabha USQ No. 3813 for 17/03/2020]

State- wise details of Mini Soil Testing Labs set up in KVKs

S. No.	State	Number of KVKs having mini soil testing labs	Number of mini soil testing labs with KVKs
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	03	05
2.	Andhra Pradesh	23	48
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	14	17
4.	Assam	25	36
5.	Bihar	38	56
6.	Chhattisgarh	26	36
7.	Delhi	01	1
8.	Goa	01	3
9.	Gujarat	29	51
10.	Haryana	18	26
11.	Himachal Pradesh	13	25
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	17	30
13.	Jharkhand	24	32
14.	Karnataka	33	49
15.	Kerala	14	20
16.	Ladakh	03	06
17.	Madhya Pradesh	50	75
18.	Maharashtra	43	88
19.	Manipur	9	25
20.	Meghalaya	7	13
21.	Mizoram	8	18
22.	Nagaland	11	27
23.	Odisha	33	65
24.	Pondicherry	02	03
25.	Punjab	21	43
26.	Rajasthan	44	84
27.	Sikkim	04	05
28.	Tamil Nadu	30	52
29.	Telangana	16	29
30.	Tripura	08	14
31.	Uttar Pradesh	69	109
32.	Uttarakhand	13	19
33.	West Bengal	23	38
	Total	673	1148
