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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3479
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH AUGUST, 2021

SOIL TESTING LABORATORIES

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

- (a) whether soil testing laboratories are proving to be beneficial in good harvest for farmers;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up soil testing laboratories at block level/panchayat committee level; and
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Soil testing laboratories have an important role in analyzing soil samples. The results of soil sample analysis are used in Soil Health Card to provide farmers with nutrient status of their soil along with prescription about balanced and integrated use of inorganic and organic fertilizers to maintain soil fertility and its productivity.

(b) & (c): At present there is no proposal to set up soil testing laboratories at block/panchayat level as soil testing laboratories are sanctioned based on demand of states. Since 2015, in all 11531 laboratories have been sanctioned to states including 491 static labs, 107 mobile labs, 8811 mini labs and 2122 village level labs.
