

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3147
 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND MARCH, 2022

QUALITY OF SOIL

3147. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any programme to improve the quality of soil in order to increase its productivity;
- (b) if so, the details of the specific programmes organized in the country in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government gives any suggestions to the farmers from time to time to ensure improvement of the quality of soil; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme since 2015-16 to ascertain soil health and fertility. Soil Health Card provides nutrient status of the soil along with prescription about balanced and integrated use of inorganic and organic fertilizers to maintain good soil health that results in increase in production. The number of soil health cards issued to farmers in the country is given below:

Cycle/Year	Number of SHCs issued to farmers
Cycle- I (2015-17)	10.74 crore
Cycle- II (2017-19)	11.97 crore
Model Village Programme (2019-20)	19.64 lakh

(c) & (d): The Government is organizing farmers trainings, demonstrations on farmers field and farmers melas to educate farmers from time to time for improvement of soil quality. Since 2015, around 6.45 lakh demonstration, 93781 trainings and 7425 farmers melas are organized under Soil Health Card Scheme.