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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4281
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH AUGUST, 2025

SOIL HEALTH AND FERTILITY SCHEME

4281. DR. C M RAMESH:

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

- (a) the number of farmers in Anakapalli district of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the number of soil samples tested in Anakapalli under Soil Health and Fertility Scheme;
- (c) whether it is true that 27,500 soil samples were collected and tested in Anakapalli;
- (d) if so, the details of farmers benefited from above tests and soil health cards issued; and
- (e) the efforts being made to include all farmers in the district under Soil Health and Fertility Scheme and carryout soil samples tested?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): As reported by State Government of Andhra Pradesh, there are 3,89,433 numbers of farm holdings in Anakapalli district. (**Source: District statistical Officer, Anakapalli District**)

(b) to (d): Anakapalli district in Andhra Pradesh was formed in 2022. During 2023-24 to 2025-26 (**as on 11.08.2025**), 53,854 soil samples were collected from the individual farmer's holding and 35,240 soil health cards (SHCs) have been issued under the scheme. The details are as under-

Year	Target	Number of samples collected	Number of samples tested & SHC issued and Farmers benefited
2023-24	10000	10002	10002
2024-25	18800	18800	18800
2025-26	25052	25052	6438
Total	53852	53854	35240

(**Source: State Government of Andhra Pradesh and SHC Portal**)

(e): State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that need based soil samples are collected from the farm holdings. Most of the farmers are with small and marginal holdings. Awareness generation is an ongoing activity regarding increase in productivity by following Soil Health card recommendations. State Government of Andhra Pradesh is using field functionaries, scientists and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) for the purpose.
