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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4017
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2026

SOIL HEALTH MANAGEMENT IN FLOOD AFFECTED AREA

4017. DR. BACHHAV SHOBHA DINESH:
SHRI SANJAY UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH:
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

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

(a) whether soil health assessment, soil sampling and laboratory testing have been conducted in flood-affected areas of Maharashtra under the Soil Health Card/Soil Health Management programmes;

(b) if so, the details of the number of samples collected, parameters tested, timelines for testing and major findings relating to fertility loss, topsoil erosion, sand/silt deposition and changes in productivity taluka-wise;

(c) whether any special rehabilitation package has been proposed or approved for land restoration, removal of silt and repair of canals, field channels, wells and pumps; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b): As informed by State Government of Maharashtra, no special drive for soil health assessment, soil sampling & laboratory testing have been conducted in flood-affected areas under Soil health & Fertility Scheme. In routine implementation of the scheme 10,71,738 soil samples have been tested & soil health cards (SHCs) distributed. Of these 4,25,762 SHCs were generated from flood affected districts.

(c) & (d): State Government of Maharashtra has informed that 51,368 farmers suffered crop damage covering area of 22382.50 hectare of agriculture land in 1,718 villages due to erosion/scraping by flood in 2025-26. In addition 49,745 farmers suffered crop damage in 8530.23 hectare of agriculture land due to accumulation of soil. Necessary further steps are being taken by the Maharashtra State Agriculture Department.
