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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1458
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD MAY, 2016

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON SOIL HEALTH

1458. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) is under implementation to provide financial assistance to States to impart training to farmers on balanced use of fertilizers to improve soil health and issue soil health cards in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and component-wise;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries of such trainings under the NMSA during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to launch awareness campaigns to popularise soil health management amongst the farmers in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

- (a): Yes, Madam. Financial assistance to States is provided to impart training to farmers on balanced use of fertilizers under Soil Health Card (SHC) and Soil Health Management (SHM) Schemes of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA).
- (b) & (c): The States/UT-wise funds allocation, utilization and number of beneficiaries under SHC since its inception year 2015-16 and under SHM for the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure I & II respectively.
- (d) & (e): Government has launched awareness campaign to popularize soil health management amongst the farmers in the country through print advertisements, TV sports, radio jingles, organization of World Soil Day, workshops etc.

State-wise details of farmers trainings under the Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme

Sl. No.	Name of States	2015-16			2016-17	
		Fund Allocated for Farmers Training	Fund released	No of beneficiaries	Allocation	Target Number of beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	7.20	3.60	900	7.20	900
2	Arunachal Pr.	0.24	0.12	30	0.24	30
3	Assam	2.88	1.44	360	2.88	360
4	Bihar	6.00	3.00	750	6.00	750
5	Chhattisgarh	4.80	2.40	600	4.80	600
6	Goa	0.24	0.12	30	0.24	30
7	Gujarat	9.12	4.56	1140	9.12	1140
8	Haryana	2.88	1.44	360	2.88	360
9	Himachal Pr.	0.48	0.24	60	0.48	60
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0.96	0.48	120	0.96	120
11	Jharkhand	0.96	0.48	120	0.96	120
12	Karnataka	11.04	5.52	1380	11.04	1380
13	Kerala	1.44	0.72	180	1.44	180
14	Madhya Pr.	14.40	7.20	1800	14.40	1800
15	Maharashtra	18.00	9.00	2250	18.00	2250
16	Manipur	0.24	0.12	30	0.24	1
17	Meghalaya	0.24	0.12	30	0.24	1
18	Mizoram	0.24	0.12	30	0.24	1
19	Nagaland	0.24	0.12	30	0.24	1
20	Odisha	5.04	2.52	630	5.04	630
21	Punjab	3.12	1.56	390	3.12	390
22	Rajasthan	13.44	6.72	1680	13.44	1680
23	Sikkim	0.24	0.12	30	0.24	1
24	Tamil Nadu	5.52	2.76	690	5.52	690
25	Telengana	5.52	2.76	690	5.52	690
26	Tripura	0.24	0.12	30	0.24	1
27	Uttar Pradesh	18.00	9.00	2250	18.00	2250
28	Uttarakhand	0.72	0.36	90	0.72	90
29	West Bengal	5.76	2.88	720	5.76	720
30	A&N Islands	0	0	0	0.24	1
31	D& N Haveli	0	0	0	0.24	1
32	Puducherry	0	0	0	0.24	1
	Total	139.2	69.6	17400	139.92	17229

Note : (i) The scheme started in 2015-16.
(ii) One training consist of 30 farmers.

Annexure-II**State-wise details of farmers trainings under the Soil Health Management (SHM) Scheme**

(Rs in lakh)

Sl. No	State	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
		Fund released/ Utilised	No of benefici- aries	Fund released/ Utilised	No of beneficia- ries	Fund released/ Utilised	No of beneficia ries
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	16.95	6780
2.	Odisha	10.00	2000	0	0	0	0
3.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	2.40	480	0	0
4.	Punjab	0	0	1.00	200	0	0
5.	Mizoram	0	0	2.60	520	0	0
6.	West Bengal	0	0	10.00	2000	0	0
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	2.00	400	0	0
8.	Assam	0	0	4.00	800	0	0
9.	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	7.50	1500	0	0
	Total	10	2000	29.5	5900	16.95	6780

- Note: 1. No allocation is made, fund release are based on proposal from States.
2. Each training consists 20 farmers.
