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21.	Madhya Pradesh	1.47	2355.61	0.26	885.14	1.73	3240.75
22.	Chhattisgarh	5.78	1743.12	2.63	1645.02	8.41	3388.14
23.	Uttar Pradesh	37.88	3174.00	13.11	6695.99	50.99	9869.99
24.	Uttarakhand	1.74	431.30	0.11	119.32	1.85	550.62
	Central Region	46.87	7704.03	16.11	9345.47	62.98	17049.50
25.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26.	Daman and Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27.	Gujarat	9.06	4175.16	1.95	974.34	11.01	5149.50
28.	Goa	0.00	4.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.08
29.	Maharashtra	31.26	7682.20	1.91	693.93	33.17	8376.13
	Western Region	40.32	11861.44	3.86	1668.27	44.18	13529.71
30.	Andhra Pradesh	33.38	4281.74	14.79	4588.43	48.17	8870.17
31.	Karnataka	12.38	3484.81	5.38	3835.20	17.76	7320.01
32.	Kerala	5.48	1888.42	9.78	3034.50	15.26	4922.92
33.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34.	Puducherry	0.03	9.27	0.12	38.76	0.15	48.03
35.	Tamil Nadu	10.20	2453.83	7.32	1884.82	17.52	4338.65
	Southern Region	61.47	12118.07	37.39	13381.71	98.86	25499.78
	TOTAL	203.91	57499.92	73.09	34456.22	277.60	91956.14
	Commercial Banks**					205.30	274962.68
	GRAND TOTAL					482.30	366918.82

*Provisional

**State-wise data not available

Source: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Soil degeneration due to indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers

†3351. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers has caused various degenerations in the soil;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that treatment of soil is required to enhance the agro-productivity in the country; and

(d) if so, the total number of laboratories working for soil testing in the country till March, 2010, and the testing capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) Indiscriminate or injudicious use of chemical fertilizers coupled with low addition of organic matter has resulted in deterioration of soil health in the country particularly in the intensively cultivated area of Indo-Gangetic plains. Government is promoting Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) advocating soil test based balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with organic sources of nutrients. A new scheme, namely, "National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility" (NPMSHF) has been introduced *w.e.f.* 2008-09 to promote soil test based balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with organic manure and bio-fertilizers.

(d) As per information provided by the State Governments there were 661 Soil Testing Laboratories in the country with annual analyzing capacity of 72.01 lakh soil samples as in March 2009.

Programmes to ameliorate condition of farmers

3352. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes being run by Government for ameliorating the condition of farmers and to make agriculture a profitable business;

(b) whether any survey will be conducted to ascertain the main reasons behind large scale suicide by farmers and their distressed condition;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government is aware that after 1991 cost of production and prices of other commodities have increased more than rise in MSP of crops; and

(e) if so, the steps to be taken to make MSP at par with inflation and rising cost of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The Government is implementing a number of plan schemes and programmes for the benefit of farmers and to make agriculture a viable vocation. The major flagship schemes include the National Food Security Mission, which aims to increase production