

(c) if so, the reasons for the increasing time and cost overruns of the 53 per cent delayed projects, project-wise/location-wise alongwith cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) As on 31st December, 2010, 599 Central Sector projects costing Rs. 150 crore and above were on the monitor of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation. State-wise/Sector-wise details of these projects are given in Annexure (See Appendix 223 Annexure No. 6). As reported the cost overrun in these projects is Rs. 126,013.88 crore.

(b) The proportion of Central projects of 15 major infrastructure sectors, running behind schedule as on 31st December, 2010 has gone upto 53.50 per cent from 34.13 per cent during March, 2007. However, these two figures are not comparable because of change in base. Since April, 2010, this Ministry is monitoring all Central Sector Projects costing Rs. 150 crore and above instead of Rs. 20 crore and above earlier. It is mentioned that as on 30th April, 2011 the time overrun has come down to 44.8 per cent.

(c) The main reasons for delay in ongoing projects include: slow progress by contractors due to labour supply and financial problems, fund constraints, delay in land acquisition, delay in supply of equipment by indigenous and foreign suppliers, law and order problems, geological problems, inadequate infrastructure etc. Details of 322 delayed projects Sector-wise are given in Annexure (See Appendix 223 Annexure No. 7).

Soil Health Cards

‡*98. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has a plan to provide all the farmers of the country with soil health card for their land by 2013; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this direction, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Government is according high priority to soil testing and is providing assistance to State Governments/Union Territories (UTs) for setting up Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) for augmenting existing capacity of States for soil testing for issuing soil health cards to farmers by 2013. However, this requires effort by State Governments/UTs in mobilizing technical manpower for soil testing and issuing soil health cards, to reach the target.

(b) About 413 lakh soil health cards have been distributed to farmers upto 2010-11 (Provisional). The details of soil health cards issued in the country, State-wise, are given in the Statement.

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise distribution of Soil Health Cards to the Farmers

(in lakh)

State/UTs	Cumulative till 2007-08	During year 2008-09	Cumulative till 2008-09	During year 2009-10	Cumulative till 2009-10	During year 2010-11 (P)	Cumulative till 2010-11
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
South Zone							
Andhra Pradesh	22.74	4.36	27.10	5.70	32.80	5.70	38.50
Karnataka	53.26	1.50	54.76	1.71	56.47	1.08	57.55
Kerala	13.76	0.08	13.84	2.10	15.94	2.10	18.04
Tamil Nadu	10.51	3.91	14.42	6.22	20.64	7.15	27.79
Pondicherry	0.13	0.02	0.15	0.02	0.167	0.023	0.19
Andaman and Nicobar Island	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.012	0.01	0.02
SOUTH ZONE TOTAL :	100.43	9.87	110.27	15.76	126.03	16.063	142.093
West Zone							
Gujarat	18.57	1.27	19.84	0.61	20.45	12.04	32.49
Madhya Pradesh	11.07	1.71	12.78	1.61	14.39	1.61	16.00
Maharashtra	10.64	2.27	12.91	2.78	15.69	2.78	18.47
Rajasthan	12.00	3.00	15.00	2.85	17.85	3.11	20.96
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.05
Chhattisgarh	1.78	0.41	2.19	0.59	2.78	0.95	3.73
Goa	1.42	0.20	1.62	0.23	1.85	0.23	2.08
WEST ZONE TOTAL :	55.53	7.59	64.39	8.67	73.06	20.72	93.78
North Zone							
Haryana	2.54	2.06	4.60	3.34	7.94	3.57	11.51

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Punjab	10.95	6.32	17.27	2.98	20.25	2.98	23.23
Uttarakhand	0.65	0.35	1.00	0.47	1.47	0.37	1.84
Uttar Pradesh	18.74	20.65	39.39	19.39	58.78	29.06	87.84
Himachal Pradesh	5.45	1.11	6.56	1.30	7.86	1.30	9.16
Jammu and Kashmir	0.54	0.09	0.63	0.20	0.83	0.20	1.03
Delhi	0.04	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.06	0.006	0.07
NORTH ZONE TOTAL :	38.91	30.59	69.50	27.69	97.19	37.486	134.676
East Zone							
Bihar	2.42	1.03	3.45	1.44	4.89	1.44	6.33
Jharkhand	0.61	0.50	1.45	0.10	1.55	0.10	1.65
Orissa	16.04	1.15	17.19	1.30	18.49	1.30	19.79
West Bengal	2.05	0.48	2.53	0.36	2.89	0.19	3.08
EAST ZONE TOTAL :	21.12	3.16	24.62	3.20	27.82	3.03	30.85
North East Zone							
Assam	3.30	0.61	3.91	0.60	4.51	0.60	5.11
Tripura	0.60	0.20	0.80	0.12	0.92	0.12	1.04
Manipur	0.54	0.25	0.79	0.25	1.04	0.25	1.29
Meghalaya	0.53	0.11	0.64	0.08	0.72	0.08	0.80
Nagaland	0.53	0.11	0.02	0.11	0.13	0.11	0.24
Arunachal Pradesh	1.42	0.08	1.50	0.06	1.56	0.06	1.62
Sikkim	0.32	0.07	0.39	0.07	0.46	0.075	0.535
Mizoram	0.57	0.00	0.57	0.20	0.77	0.20	0.97
NE ZONE TOTAL :	7.81	1.43	8.62	1.49	10.11	1.495	11.605
GRAND TOTAL :	223.80	52.64	277.40	56.81	334.21	78.794	413.004
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(P) Provisional