

in the dairy sector and enhancement of milk production, procurement, preservation, transportation, processing and marketing of milk by providing back ended capital subsidy @ 25% of the project cost to the General Category (@33.33% of the project cost to SC/ST, category subject to norms of the scheme. The beneficiaries include Farmers, Individual Entrepreneurs and Groups of Unorganized and Organized Sector including Self-Help Groups on behalf of their members, Dairy Cooperative Societies, Milk Unions on behalf of their members including youth Milk federation, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) etc. The details of subsidy disbursed and beneficiaries/dairy units established, State-wise, during 2013-14 & 2014-15 under DEDS is given in the Statement (Refer to Statement appended to the Answer to USQ 13911 (Part -C).

Soil testing labs in Karnataka

1396. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soil testing labs in Karnataka especially in Kalaburagi, Bidar, Yadagiri, Raichur and Koppal districts; and

(b) what is the mass testing programme and how it will be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA) : (a) There are 29 Soil Testing labs in the Department of Agriculture in Karnataka. The number of Soil Testing labs in Kalaburagi – 1, Bidar – 1, Yadagiri – 1, Raichur – 1, and Koppal – 1.

(b) Department of Agriculture, Government of Karnataka has launched programme called Soil Health Mission. Implementation of Soil Health Mission (SHM) includes collection of soil samples, analysis of soil samples for macronutrients and micronutrients, distribution of soil health cards to all the farm holdings of Karnataka once in three years. It is also proposed to link the fertility status and crop specific nutrient recommendation of farmer to K-Kissan software in the form of farmer passbook which is to be issued to all the farmers of Karnataka. GIS based Digital soil fertility maps of state, district, taluks, hoblis and gram panchayats will also be prepared through Soil Health Mission.

Analytic conclusion of Agricultural situation Since Independence

†1397. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the policies and programmes for increasing the area of farming land, attain more productivity and making farming profitable in the country; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.