

(b) the total number of farmers who have been issued soil health card after testing the soil of their land holdings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) Soil Health Management is being implementing throughout the country including Rajasthan for setting up/strengthening of Soil Testing Laboratories. During 2015-16, 55 number of new Static Soil Testing Laboratories have been sanctioned to Government of Rajasthan.

(b) Under the Soil Health Card Scheme, the soil sample collection target for the year 2015-16 was 104.68 lakh. Out of this, 91.14 lakh samples were collected that would generate about 4.55 crore soil health cards. The analysis, printing and distribution of cards are in process across the country. For Rajasthan, the soil sample collection target for 2015-16 was 11.53 lakh against which 9.33 lakh samples have been collected as on 31st March, 2016. As on 26.04.2016, 10.14 lakh soil health cards issued to farmers. Remaining samples are being analyzed.

Subsidy to Maharashtra for micro irrigation

657. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the subsidies provided to Maharashtra for adoption of micro irrigation technologies in the last two years; and

(b) the break-up percentage of the subsidies given to the small, marginal and other category of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) and (b) The Government of India has released central grant to Maharashtra for adoption of micro irrigation technologies under Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation in the last two financial years as under:-

| Year | Central Grant Released (₹ in lakh) |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| 2014-15 | 17750.00 |
| 2015-16 | 8837.00 |

The break-up percentage of the subsidies given to meet the small and marginal farmers and other category farmers is approximately 70% and 30%, respectively, during last two financial years.