

Allocation of funds under National Livestock Mission

563. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the animal husbandry sector is rapidly emerging as the largest incremental contributor to farm incomes across the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has received proposals from State Governments for the increased allocation of funds under the National Livestock Mission, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has received a representation from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in this regard, if so, the action taken by Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) No such information is available.

(b) The Department has received proposals from various States including Tamil Nadu for release of funds under National Livestock Mission. The tentative fund allocation to the State of Tamil Nadu is ₹ 704 lakhs as Central share for the financial year 2016-17 and the amount of ₹ 704 lakhs has been released.

(c) No such representation has been received.

Implementation of Soil Health Card Scheme

564. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soil Health Card scheme launched by Government is running with a very slow pace, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of Soil Health Cards issued so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) The Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme was launched on 19th February 2015. Under the Scheme, Soil Health Cards (SHCs) will be provided to all farm holdings in the country at the interval of two years so as enable farmers to apply appropriate recommended dosages of nutrients for crop production and improving the soil health and its fertility.

In 1st cycle, 253 lakh soil samples to be collected and after testing the samples 1400 lakh Soil Health Cards to be distributed among the farmers by 31st March, 2017.

As on 19th July 2016, 184.75 lakh soil samples have been collected against the target of 253 lakh *i.e.* more than 70% of the target. The testing of soil samples is under progress and about 87.90 lakh soil samples have been tested up to the date and accordingly printing of about 4.50 lakh Soil Health Cards is under progress for distribution among the farmers.

(b) So far 226.99 lakh Soil Health Cards have been issued. The State-wise details of soil samples collected, tested and soil health cards issued/distributed among the farmers in the country are given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise details of Soil Samples Collected, Tested and Soil Health Cards issued/distributed

Sl. No.	State	No. of Samples Collected	No. of Samples Tested	No. of SHCs issued/ Distributed
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1197923	1089104	2224083
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	11642	1818	1392
3.	Assam	74700	16795	19875
4.	Bihar	692320	424591	1511915
5.	Chhattisgarh	627156	226628	753302
6.	Goa	21824	19585	19585
7.	Gujarat	1579319	1366016	1366016
8.	Haryana	747301	192913	113000
9.	Himachal Pradesh	71300	69061	214374
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	76986	31573	88047
11.	Jharkhand	101791	44835	101649
12.	Karnataka	952498	421488	123256
13.	Kerala	84206	66162	72497
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1971500	584757	2115282
15.	Maharashtra	2195000	970000	3707000
16.	Manipur	3198	2015	1478
17.	Meghalaya	31920	24641	24913
18.	Mizoram	8897	7666	7666

1	2	3	4	5
19.	Nagaland	22445	15175	26900
20.	Odisha	478548	299193	948632
21.	Punjab	418271	214397	467689
22.	Rajasthan	1839898	530704	1444061
23.	Sikkim	13217	13217	27000
24.	Tamil Nadu	1088029	523689	2433269
25.	Telangana	899398	555724	2156198
26.	Tripura	12214	10228	11228
27.	Uttarakhand	104179	71931	314206
28.	Uttar Pradesh	2613063	863560	2244958
29.	West Bengal	531480	129700	160500
Union Territories				
30.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1762	1324	0
31.	Dadar Nagar and Haveli	As per Road Map, Collection and Testing of Samples will be done after August 2016		As per Road Map, Distribution of SHC will be done after August 2016
32.	Puducherry	2550	1673	0
33.	Chandigarh	544	0	0
TOTAL		18475169	8790163	22699971

Expenditure of funds allocated under Price Stabilization Fund

565. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds allocated under the Price Stabilization Fund are not put to proper use inspite of skyrocketing prices of agri-horticultural commodities, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the State-wise allocation and expenditure particulars of the fund during last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) No, Sir.