

Implementation of Soil Health Mission

1782. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soil Health Mission introduced by the Government is being implemented properly;

(b) the number of farmers being benefited by the scheme, State-wise and whether the desired objectives have been achieved;

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

(d) the steps being taken by the Government for satisfactory implementation of the Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has introduced Soil Health Card Scheme in all States/UTs with an aim to assist all State Governments to evaluate fertility in all farm holdings across the country and issue Soil Health Cards to farmers regularly in a cycle of 2 years. Soil Health Cards provide information to farmers on nutrient status of their soil along with recommendations on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and its fertility.

(b) to (d) Against the target of 2.53 crore soil samples, the States have collected 2.71 crore samples and tested 2.05 crore samples to print about 11 crore Soil Health Cards. As on 14.03.2017, 5.66 crore cards have been distributed to farmers State-wise details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

A study conducted by National Productivity Council (NPC) in 2016 has shown that 84% of farmers have expressed that they have applied the nutrients recommendations suggested in Soil Health Card that have proven to be beneficial to them in reducing the cost of cultivation and improving productivity of crops.

Statement

State-wise details of number of soil samples collected, analysed and number of Soil Health Cards issued to farmers

Sl. No.	State	Total soil samples target for 2015-16 & 2016-17	Soil samples		Total soil Health Card target for 2015-16 & 2016-17	Soil Health Card issued
			Collected	Tested		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I. South Zone						
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1348382	1491304	1374653	7455204	4355143
2.	Karnataka	1665765	1675090	1484491	9210012	3553732
3.	Kerala	127585	219922	155843	705420	199272
4.	Tamil Nadu	1274536	1269784	1262281	7046911	5537237
5.	Telangana	1034678	1023188	975680	5720737	2807095
II. West Zone						
6.	Gujarat	1589236	3334235	3050832	8786883	2414631
7.	Madhya Pradesh	2313977	2315843	1825478	12793976	4387336
8.	Maharashtra	2347121	2614912	2424000	12977232	10105000
9.	Rajasthan	2308013	2343000	1217000	12761005	3210000
10.	Chhattisgarh	703691	776174	730573	3890709	3516045
11.	Goa	25000	25000	25000	25000	20372
III. North Zone						
12.	Haryana	788670	788670	788670	4360555	448260
13.	Punjab	835526	534820	295779	4619621	635277
14.	Uttarakhand	135738	128342	119318	750494	567178
15.	Uttar Pradesh	4770399	4846592	2370896	26391089	7258903
16.	Himachal Pradesh	69635	91947	89897	385011	456606

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17.	Jammu and Kashmir	165318	100142	65160	914044	127633
IV.	East Zone					
18.	Bihar	1308778	1394248	828436	7236233	2866557
19.	Jharkhand	115302	115302	91506	637507	180968
20.	Odisha	668635	651607	546791	3696881	1617978
21.	West Bengal	1300349	1080000	669000	7189629	2024000
V.	NE Zone					
22.	Arunachal Pradesh	20532	20262	19001	113523	9670
23.	Assam	278707	181041	51119	1540968	139150
24.	Manipur	20713	9719	6380	114522	5351
25.	Meghalaya	39372	37958	34372	209561	47213
26.	Mizoram	11986	12412	9216	11986	8216
27.	Nagaland	33423	24995	20675	184797	17700
28.	Sikkim	13217	13217	13217	46000	27000
29.	Tripura	32736	33000	33000	180998	78334
VI.	Union Territories					
30.	Andaman and Nicobar	1405	2176	2176	7799	1918
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	2162	0	0	12000	0
32.	Puducherry	3530	4736	4736	19594	1261
33.	Chandigarh	277	544	0	277	0
TOTAL		25354394	27160182	20585176	139996178	56625036

Drought in Andhra Pradesh

1783. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh is in the grip of severe drought;