

**Implementation of Soil Health Card scheme**

†2247. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the Soil Health Card scheme in order to increase the productivity and strengthen the quality of agriculture for the farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the farmers of the districts—Jhansi, Lalitpur, Banda, Hamirpur, Jalau etc. of Bundelkhand region deriving benefits from the scheme, district-wise and amount allocated for the implementation thereof; and

(c) the details of the policy adopted to extend the benefits of the scheme to the poor farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has launched Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme across the country to issue Soil Health Card every 2 years to all the farmers based on soil testing results. These SHCs 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) The details of farmers of Bundelkhand region deriving benefits from the scheme district-wise and amount allocated by Government of Uttar Pradesh is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) The policy for issue of Soil Health Cards is to all farmers irrespective of their status *i.e.* poor or rich.

**Statement**

*Details of farmers deriving benefits and amount allocated by Uttar Pradesh Government under Soil Health Card scheme for Bundelkhand Region of Uttar Pradesh*

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	District	No. of Farmers	Allocated Amount
1.	Jhansi	197355	22.25
2.	Lalitpur	121723	22.46

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl. No.	District	No. of Farmers	Allocated Amount
3.	Jalaun	195913	22.17
	TOTAL (Jhansi Division)	514991	66.88
1.	Hamirpur	101627	13.74
2.	Mahoba	140035	13.86
3.	Banda	176931	13.80
4.	Chitrakoot	85730	13.43
	TOTAL (Banda Division)	504323	54.83
	GRAND TOTAL	1019314	121.71

#### **Non-coverage of vegetables under MSP mechanism**

2248. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 14 of the 51 major crops are covered under the MSP price mechanism of the Government;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-coverage of vegetables under the MSP mechanism; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) to (c) Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for those agricultural commodities which are widely grown, have large area under cultivation, are items of mass consumption with fairly long shelf life and are necessary for maintaining food security. Government announces MSP for 22 major crops namely Paddy, Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi, Arhar, Moong, Urad, Groundnut-in-shell, Soyabean, Sunflower, Sesamum, Nigerseed, Cotton, Wheat, Barley, Gram, Masur (Lentil), Rapeseed/Mustard Seed, Safflower, Jute and Copra and Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for Sugarcane. Vegetables are not covered under MSP Scheme as they do not meet the above mentioned criteria.

Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the Price Support scheme. The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels and cost of production. It is implemented on the specific request of the concerned