

Cycle	Year	No of Soil Health Cards distributed (In lakh)
Cycle-I	2015-16	162.75
	2016-17	911.15
	Total Cycle-I	1073.90
Cycle-II	2017-18	441.14
	2018-19	42.61
TOTAL Cycle-II		483.75

(b) Soil Health Cards provides crop specific recommendations on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for 12 parameters namely major nutrients (Nitrogen, Phosphorous & Potash) secondary nutrient (Sulphur), Micronutrients (Zinc, Copper, Iron, Manganese, Boron) and other parameters (pH, Electrical Conductivity and Organic Carbon).

(c) Yes, Sir. Financial assistance is provided under Soil Health Management (SHM) Scheme to States for strengthening of existing Soil Testing Labs @ ₹ 40 lakh per lab.

Year-wise soil testing labs sanctioned for strengthening is given below:-

Year	No. of Labs
2014-15	7
2015-16	262
2016-17	75
2017-18	103
TOTAL	447

#### **Decline in farmers' income**

2757. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that farmers who have no other sources of income than agriculture are earning only 1/3rd of minimum daily wages;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons why Government has failed miserably to ameliorate the condition of suicide committing farmers; and
- (d) the reasons for sharp decline in farmers' income during the last four years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) to (d) The latest available estimates of average income per agricultural household in the country are based on the "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households" conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during its 70th round (January 2013 - December 2013). As per the survey results, the average monthly income per agricultural household from all sources is estimated to be ₹ 6,426/. State-wise average monthly income per agricultural household is given in the Statement (*See below*).

Government has not conducted any such Survey since 2013 and hence the comparable estimates to ascertain the increase or decline in income during the last four years are not available. However, the National Statistical Commission (NSC) has decided to conduct the next Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households in the NSS 77th round (January 2019- December 2019) with reference to the agricultural year July 2018-June 2019.

As per the recent reports on 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' published by National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) the number of suicides by farmers and agricultural labourers in the country has come down by about 8.4 per cent from 13754 in 2012 to 12602 in 2015.

Agriculture being a State subject, the State Governments are primarily responsible for the growth and development of agriculture sector and developing perspective plans for their respective States and ensuring effective implementation of the programmes/schemes. Government of India, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments through budgetary support and implementation of various Schemes/Programmes. These include, *inter alia*, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Soil Health Card, Neem Coated Urea, National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), National Agriculture Market scheme (e-NAM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Bamboo Mission, Blue Revolution, Rashtriya Gokul Mission, etc.

Moreover, Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to examine the issues relating to doubling of farmers' income and to recommend a strategy to achieve the same by the year 2022. At present, thirteen volumes prepared by the Committee have been uploaded on the website of this Department for seeking public opinion. The Committee, alongside working on a comprehensive strategy, has been suggesting various interventions for consideration of the Government which are being implemented on an ongoing basis through the State Governments.

***Statement***

*Average Monthly Income per Agricultural Household as per 'Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households 2013'*

State	Average Monthly Income (in Rupees)
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	5979
Arunachal Pradesh	10869
Assam	6695
Bihar	3558
Chhattisgarh	5177
Gujarat	7926
Haryana	14434
Himachal Pradesh	8777
Jammu and Kashmir	12683
Jharkhand	4721
Karnataka	8832
Kerala	11888
Madhya Pradesh	6210
Maharashtra	7386
Manipur	8842
Meghalaya	11792
Mizoram	9099

1	2
Nagaland	10048
Odisha	4976
Punjab	18059
Rajasthan	7350
Sikkim	6798
Tamil Nadu	6980
Telangana	6311
Tripura	5429
Uttarakhand	4701
Uttar Pradesh	4923
West Bengal	3980
Group of UTs	8568
ALL-INDIA	6426

Source: NSSO

Note: Income includes salary/wages, net receipt from cultivation, net receipt from farming of animals and net receipt from non-farm business.

### Menace of Parthenium weed

2758. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Parthenium has aggressively dominated the entire fertile agricultural land in Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and particularly Nalanda District of Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Government has conducted any survey or study to assess the magnitude and gravity of its invasion on farmland; .

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

(d) the total area of fertile agricultural land invaded by this weed in the country, particularly in Nalanda District of Bihar?