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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 482
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 26/07/2024

NATIONAL PROJECT ON SOIL HEALTH AND FERTILITY IN ANDHRA PRADESH

482. SHRI GOLLA BABURAO:

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

- (a) the goals of the National Project on Soil Health and Fertility;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh had utilized only ₹4.73 crores under the National Project on Soil Health and Fertility in 2020-21;
- (c) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (d) whether any rectification of the oversight has been made in the succeeding years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a): Under National Project on Soil Health & Fertility Scheme, the Soil Health Cards (SHCs) are used to improve soil health and to ensure judicious use of fertilizer including secondary and micro nutrients in conjunction with organic manures & bio-fertilizers. SHCs provide information on nutrient status of their soil and recommendation on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and its fertility. Once the Soil Health Card is generated, the advisory is given to farmers through Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Krishi Sakhi etc.

(b) to (e): The Government of India released Rs. 8.92 crore as central share in two installments under National Project on Soil Health & Fertility scheme during 2020-21 to Andhra Pradesh. State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that the funds released during 2020-21 were not utilised due to Covid -19 situations in the State. State has further informed that rectification has not been made in the succeeding years as funds are not adjusted to the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) account. Regular request to State Government has been made through correspondence and video conferencing for submission of Utilization Certificate (UC).
