

Progress of Soil Health Card

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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.

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 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.

State-wise 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		
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
17	J & K	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 & Nicobar	1405	2176	2176	7799	1918
31	Dadra & 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

This information was given by the Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Parshottam Rupala, in reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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