

# [***India : Soil Health Management and Soil Health Card Schemes***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69XN-B571-JDJN-655H-00000-00&context=1516831)

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The Government of India is implementing ***Soil Health*** Management & ***Soil Health*** Card Schemes under the National Project on ***Soil Health*** & Fertility of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture since the year 2014-15. ***Soil health*** card provides 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 productivity. So far, 23.58 crore ***soil health*** cards have been distributed to farmers. Now, these schemes have been merged as ***Soil Health*** & Fertility component of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

The guidelines for implementation of various activities have been issued to the farmers from time to time regarding the ***health of the soil*** under the scheme. Based on the recommendations on ***Soil Health*** Card (SHC), the trainings & demonstrations are conducted to create the awareness among the farmers for adopting the recommendations on judicious use of chemical fertilizers including secondary and micronutrients in conjunction with organic manures & bio-fertilizers. So far, 93781 farmers trainings, 6.45 lakh demonstrations, 7425 farmers melas/ campaigns on ***soil health*** card recommendations have been organized across the country.

No financial assistance is provided to States/ Union Territories for hiring of man power, therefore, the data of employees working in ***Soil*** Testing Labs are not maintained by Government of India. Total Rs.229.95 crore has been released to States/UTs for ***Soil*** Testing Labs under the scheme. Out of this, Rs.83.31 crore has been released to States/UTs for the past five years.

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