

# [***SOIL HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND SOIL HEALTH CARD SCHEMES***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69X3-YVT1-JCBF-S0PM-00000-00&context=1516831)

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The Government of India is implementing ***Soil Health*** Management and ***Soil Health*** Card Schemes under the National Project on ***Soil Health*** and 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*** and 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 and 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 and 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.

This information was given by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Arjun Munda in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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