

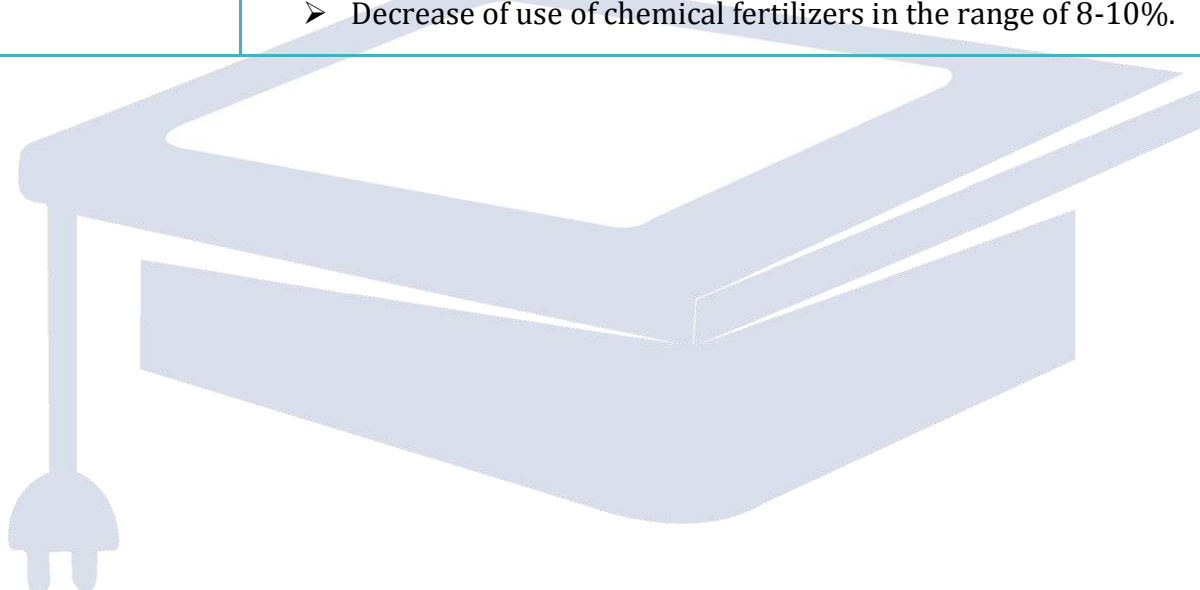


Soil Health Card Scheme (SHC)

Events	Launched : 19 Feb. 2015 at Suratgarh, Rajasthan
Tagline/Theme	Swasth Dhara, Khet Haraa (Healthy Earth, Green Farm)
Objective	To provide a basis to address nutritional deficiencies in fertilization practices.(SHC provides information to farmers on nutrient status of their soil along with recommendation on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and its fertility.)
Total Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Soil Health Card : 14 Languages➤ SHC Mobile App : 10➤ SHC web Portal : 23
Total Parameters	<p>SHC will contain the status of soil with respect to 12 parameters, namely -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ N,P,K (Macro-nutrients)➤ S (Secondary- nutrient)➤ Zn, Fe, Cu, Mn, Bo (Micro - nutrients)➤ pH, EC, OC (Physical parameters)➤ Based on this, the SHC will also indicate fertilizer recommendations and soil amendment required for the farm.
Total Cards Distributed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ In Cycle-I (2015 to 2017), 10.74 crore soil health cards were distributed to farmers.➤ In Cycle-II (2017-19), 11.75 crore soil health cards have been distributed to farmers across the country. (Top State-UP)
Total Funds Released	751.42 Crores (107 crore during 2019-20)
Cycle / Timeline	Soil status will be assessed regularly every 2 years so that nutrient deficiencies are identified and amendments applied.
Norms of sampling	Soil samples will be drawn in a grid of 2.5 ha in irrigated area and 10 ha in rain-fed area with the help of GPS tools and revenue maps.



Ideal time for soil sampling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Soil Samples are taken generally two times in a year, afterharvesting of Rabi and Kharif Crop respectively or when there is nostanding crop in the field.➤ Soil Samples will be collected by a trained person from a depth of15-20 cm by cutting the soil in a “V” shape
Payment Per Sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Rs. 190 per soil sampleis provided toState Governments.➤ This covers the cost of collection of soil sample, its test, generation and distribution of soil health card to the farmer. <p>Other points related to SHC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ SHC Scheme assists State Governments to issue soil health cards to all farmers in the country.➤ Decrease of use of chemical fertilizers in the range of 8-10%.



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