

Soil Resource Management and Inputs Quality Control

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- To maintain the soil health for sustaining the production potential and generating fertilizer recommendations for individual crops to meet the farmers' requirement based on the soil database thus created.
- To prevent further deterioration of soil productivity, fertility and sustainability.

Benefits (Soil Resource Management and Inputs Quality Control)

- The farmers from the Puducherry region can give their soil and water samples to the soil testing lab attached to this office for analysis and recommendation.
- The farmers of the Puducherry region are provided with soil health cards for their cultivable lands within a month.
- This office is also involved in analyzing the quality of the three most important inputs used by the farmers namely (i) Seeds (ii) fertilizers and (iii) Pesticides by trained analysis.
- Samples taken by the notified quality inspectors are analysed and the quality of the inputs is determined.
- If Farmers have doubts about the quality of important inputs like seeds, fertilizers and pesticides they may contact the agricultural officer (U.U.) concerned to assess the quality of these inputs by submitting the sample.

Eligibility (Soil Resource Management and Inputs Quality Control)

- The applicant should be a citizen of Puducherry.
- The applicant should be a Farmer.

Application Process (Soil Resource Management and Inputs Quality Control)

- Step 1: The interested applicant should visit (during office hours) the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture (Land Use Planning & Quality Control) and request the hard copy of the prescribed format of the application form from the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Chemistry) .
- Step 2: In the application form, fill in all the mandatory fields, paste the passport-sized photograph (signed across, if required), and attach copies of all the mandatory documents (self-attest, if required).
- Step 3: Submit the duly filled and signed application form and the documents to the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Chemistry).

- Step 4: On receipt of the application, necessary entries will be made in the application receipt register and a unique number is assigned to the applicant for identifying each applicant which shall be used for all further references and also as acknowledgement for the receipt of the application.

Documents Required (Soil Resource Management and Inputs Quality Control)

- Farmer ID. Residence-cum-Nativity Certificate
- issued by the competent authority.

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