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SOIL TESTING IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the places where soil testing work is going on in Jharkhand indicating the number of farmers benefited from it so far;
- (b) whether the Government has made available the comprehensive details to the farmers of concerned district about the suitability of soils and plants according to the situation prevailing in such districts of Jharkhand; and
- (c) if so, the complete details thereof and the details of expenditure incurred so far under this head, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): In Jharkhand, there are ten soil testing laboratories out of which seven are static and three are mobile situated at Ranchi (1 static, 1 mobile), Gumla (1 static, 1 mobile), Chakardharpur(1 static), Latehar (1 static), Giridih (1 static), Dumba (1 static, 1 mobile), Sahebganj (1 static). These soil testing laboratories analyzed 18525 soil samples during 2004-05.

(b)&(c): Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi is imparting training to farmers on soil test based Integrated Nutrient Management and demonstrating its usefulness on their fields in Jharkhand. National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning, Nagpur is conducting field soil survey work for efficient land use planning in different regions of the country including Jharkhand . So far nearly 14,46,000 ha. of land in eight districts of Jharkhand has been completed. In addition, National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning (NBSS) Kolkata has been entrusted to conduct soil mapping of Jharkhand. An amount of Rs.26.93 lakh has been allotted to NBSS Kolkata for this purpose during the year 2004-05