

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MOBILE SOIL TESTING LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories working at present in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories in tribal, scheduled and hilly areas of the country during Eleventh Plan Period; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): At present there are 122 mobile Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) functioning in the country. A statement showing state-wise number of mobile STLs working during 2005-06 is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): The Government is promoting setting up of new STLs including mobile STLs by providing financial assistance to the State Governments in all States including tribal, scheduled and hilly areas of the country during 11th Plan period under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme – `Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizers` since subsumed under Macro Management of Agriculture scheme.