

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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REPORT ON SOIL HEALTH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a report on `soil health` for different States regarding necessary micro elements; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research, under All India Coordinated Research Project on all "micro-Secondary and Pollutant Elements" has documented soil deficient areas with respect to micronutrients in various States of the country and brought out soil fertility maps with respect to micronutrients in 11 States. The extent of micronutrient deficiency in the country is 49% (Zinc), 33% (Boron), 13% (Molybdenum), 12% (Iron), 5% (Manganese) and 3% (Copper).