

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SOIL TESTING LABORATORIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of soil testing laboratories in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the capacity of the said laboratories;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish more soil testing laboratories; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

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): During 2008-09 there were 661 soil testing laboratories functioning in the country with an annual analyzing capacity of 72.01 lakh soil samples per year. State-wise details are given at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Under the scheme "National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility" (NPMSF), it is envisaged to establish 500 new static soil testing laboratories and 250 new mobile soil testing laboratories during 11th Plan period in the country along with other activities. 96 new static and 96 new mobile soil testing laboratories have been sanctioned till 31st March, 2010 in the country as per the detail at Annexure-II.