

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of the Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the installed capacity of such STLs and make their functioning more effective;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): During 2008-09 there were 661 Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) in the country with an annual analyzing capacity of 72.01 lakh soil samples. State-wise details are given at Annexure.
- (b) & (c): Under the scheme "National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility", it is envisaged to establish 500 new Static STLs, 250 new Mobile STLs and strengthen 315 existing STLs with micro-nutrient analysis facility during 11th Plan period in the country.
- (d): So far, 114 new Static STLs, 111 new Mobile STLs and strengthening of 152 existing STLs have been sanctioned under the scheme during 11th Plan period.