

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4424  
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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 (STLs) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the capacity of the said laboratories, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more STLs in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**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) & (b): A statement indicating the number of Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) and their analyzing capacity is given at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d): The National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility has provided for setting up of 500 Static STLs and 250 Mobile STLs in the country during 11th Five Year Plan. The State-wise tentative distribution of STLs is given at Annexure-II