

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched Integrated Nutrient Management System based on the soil specific condition of each geographical region in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the various activities undertaken under the scheme during each of the last three years in the country including Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether any subsidy or financial assistance is given to the farmers for development/ fortification of their soil under the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**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) to (c): In order to improve soil health and productivity, the Government has been encouraging Integrated Nutrient Management for quite some time. The 'National Project on Management of Soil Health & Family' was launched during 2008-09 to specifically promote soil test based balance and judicious use of fertilizers in conjunction with organic manure for improving soil health and its productivity.

The scheme envisages setting up/strengthening new Static/Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs) and Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratories (FQCLs), trainings, field demonstrations, promotion of Integrated Nutrient Management (INM).

The State-wise components sanctioned under the scheme (including Andhra Pradesh) during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (as on 30.11.2010) are given in Annexure -1, II & III respectively.

(d) & (e): For promoting use of INM, financial assistance @ Rs. 500/ha is provided to farmers for Promotion of organic manure, soil amendments (lime/basic slag) in acidic soils and micronutrients.