

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SOIL CONSERVATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has launched the `National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility` to promote soil test based judicious use of fertilisers for improving soil health and its productivity; and

(b) if so, the results achieved so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPMSHF) has been introduced from 2008-09. Under this project, setting up of 119 Static Soil Testing Laboratories (STLs), 116 Mobile STLs, 14 Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratories (FQCLs) and strengthening of existing 155 STLs, 39 FQCLs have been sanctioned for promoting soil testing to improve soil health and its productivity in the country. Training programmes / demonstration organised under the project have also succeeded in enhancing awareness regarding soil tests and balanced application of fertilizer. As a result, capacity of soil testing laboratories has increased from 69.7 lakh samples (2006-07) to 78.32 lakh (2009-10).