

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2347
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SOIL TESTING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether testing of soil in respect of cultivable land is being done in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the testing is a continuous process or conducted at certain intervals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria established in this regard;
- (d) whether any financial assistance is being provided to the States for the said purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Soil testing is a continuous process for recommendation of fertilizers and monitoring of soil fertility based on type of soils, crops grown and nutrient status of soil.

(d) & (e): Under National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility (NPMSH&F), financial assistance is provided to the States for setting up/ strengthening of soil testing laboratories, trainings and demonstrations on balanced use of fertilizers and promoting use of organic manure, soil amendments and micronutrients.

Financial assistance is also provided for this purpose under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) and Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme.

Scheme-wise financial assistance provided during 2010-11 is given below:-

Scheme Amount
(Rs. in Crore)

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| NPMSH&F | 16.90 |
| RKVY | 284.82 |
| MMA | 34.41 |
| Total | 336.13 |