

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINING FERTILITY OF SOIL

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility in the wake of the declining fertility rate of soil in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether salinity and alkalinity has adversely affected the soil health of the agricultural land in areas where ground water is the main source of irrigation and areas prone to cyclone including Sunderbans in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of the agricultural land/regions affected on account of these factors, State-wise; and
- (e) the preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to tackle the said problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.