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ONLINE INFORMATION TO FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has a scheme to provide online information to farmers on the amount of fertilizers that they must apply to a particular kind of soil and crop and other agriculture related issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the online information are being provided to farmers all over the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which the online information is likely to be provided to all the farmers across the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a Central Sector Scheme 'Strengthening/Promoting Agricultural Information System.' One important component of this Scheme is AGRISNET Project. Under the Scheme, some State Governments have developed software modules for providing online information to farmers regarding the amount of fertilizers that they must apply to a crop based on their soil test report. Such information is being provided in many States including West Bengal and Meghalaya. Some other states also have taken such an initiative at their level.

(c) to (f): The Mission Mode Project "National e-Governance Plan – Agriculture" is being implemented to use ICT for ensuring timely access to agriculture related information and services for the farmers of the country. 12 clusters of services including one on soil health and fertilizers have been identified and the Project has been sanctioned for implementation in 7 States initially i.e. Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.