

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF SOIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct any study to identify areas which are malnourished and lacking vital nutrients;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to replenish the quality of soil in such areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The state-wise details of areas deficient in soil nutrients are given at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d): The Government through National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility and National Project on Organic Farming promotes soil test based balanced and integrated nutrient management and use of organics (manure/composts, biofertilizers etc.) to improve quality of soil health of agricultural land in the country.
- (e) Does not arise.