

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Seed and Fertilizer Testing Institutes
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of institutes for seed, fertilizer in the country along with the details thereof;
- (b) the total amount spent on the said institutes during the last three years along with the total testing work carried out by them;
- (c) whether several problems are being faced in the testing of specimen in the said institutes due to the shortage of sufficient staff and equipments;
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the target fixed for specimen testing by the said institutes during the last three years and the current year along with the number of specimens tested?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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- (a): The National Seed Research and Training Centre, Varanasi and the Central Fertilizers Quality Control and Training Institute, Faridabad are institutes under Department of Agriculture and Cooperation for testing seeds and chemical fertilizer respectively in the country.
- (b): The total amount spent and testing work carried out by these institutes during last three years are annexed.
- (c) & (d): No specific problem was faced by these institutes in testing of samples due to the shortage of staff and equipments. Moreover, steps have been taken for filling up the vacant post in the said institutes.
- (e): National Seed Research and Training Centre, Varanasi has been assigned the target to test litigation seed samples received from various Courts and referral samples received from various State Seed Testing Laboratories in the country.

The number of samples tested in last three years and current year is as under:

S.No.	Year	No. of Samples Tested
1	2012-13	17897
2	2013-14	19057
3	2014-15	19281
4	2015-16	4530 (upto June, 2015)

The Central Fertilizers Quality Control and Training Institute, Faridabad has been assigned the target of drawing the sample from all Ships/ Containers Containing imported fertilizer for testing. The number of samples tested in last three years is as under :

S.No.	Year	No. of Samples Tested
1	2012-13	9233
2	2013-14	6234
3	2014-15	2837
4	2015-16	0735 (upto June, 2015)