

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 identify the areas where the soil has been malnourished and lacks vital nutrients;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of soil testing centers that have been established to replenish the quality of soil in the country, State-wise, including Jharkhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): Government proposes to launch 'Soil Health Card' scheme, to provide farmers with information on soil analysis and recommendation on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for cultivation of various crops. Distribution of soil health cards is a continuous and dynamic exercise, therefore, it is targeted to issue soil health card for all farm holdings in the country every 3 years.

(c): State-wise number of soil testing laboratories including Jharkhand is given at Annexure.