

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5871  
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SOIL TESTING LABORATORIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of soil testing laboratories and mobile testing vans in each State;
- (b) the reasons for not setting up static or mobile soil testing laboratories in Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep in South Zone;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up such laboratories in these UTs during the current Plan Period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) A Statement indicating the number of static as well as mobile soil testing laboratories in States/Union Territories is enclosed.

(b) to (d) The soil testing laboratories are basically set up by States/Union Territories under their own Plans. The Union Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a scheme of "Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizers" which also provides support for strengthening/setting up of soil testing laboratories. No proposals have been received from the Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep to set up such laboratories under the scheme so far.

**ANNEXURE**

**STATUS DURING 1998-99**

SL.NO NAME OF THE STATE NO OF SOIL TESTING LABORATORIES  
STATIC MOBILE TOTAL

**A. LABORATORIES WITH STATES**

**I. SOUTH ZONE**

1.Andhra Pradesh	23	4	27
2.Karnataka	19	3	22
3.Kerala	13	7	20
4.Tamil Nadu	19	16	35
5.Pondicherry	2	-	2
6.A&N Islands	1	-	1
7.Daman & Diu	-	-	-
8.Lakshadweep	-	-	-
TOTAL	77	30	107

**II. WEST ZONE**

9.Gujarat	16	5	21
10.Madhya Pradesh	19	5	24
11.Maharashtra	29	-	29
12.Rajasthan	8	12	20
13.Goa	1	1	2
14.Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1	-	1
TOTAL	74	23	97

**III. NORTH ZONE**

15.Haryana	25	-	25
16.Punjab	48	13	61
17.Himachal Pradesh	11	-	11
18.Uttar Pradesh	56	15	71
19.Jammu & Kashmir	3	3	6
20.Delhi	1	-	1
21.Chandigarh	-	-	-
TOTAL	144	31	175

IV. EAST ZONE

22.Bihar	29	2	31
23.Orissa	11	-	11
24.West Bengal	8	4	12
TOTAL	48	6	54

V. NORTH-EAST ZONE

25.Assam	7	4	11
26.Tripura	2	1	3
27.Manipur	1	1	2
28.Nagaland	3	-	3
29.Arunachal Pradesh	1	-	1
30.Meghalaya	1	1	2
31.Sikkim	1	1	2
32.Mizoram	1	-	1
TOTAL	17	8	25

GRAND TOTAL 360 98 458

B. LABORATORIES WITH 36 20 56

FERTILIZER INDUSTRIES

TOTAL ALL INDIA (A+B) 396 118 514