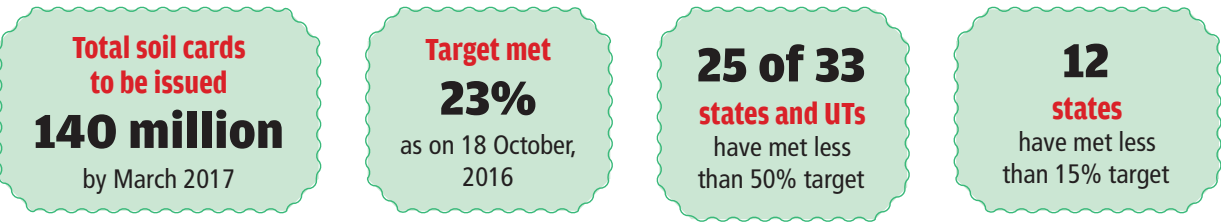


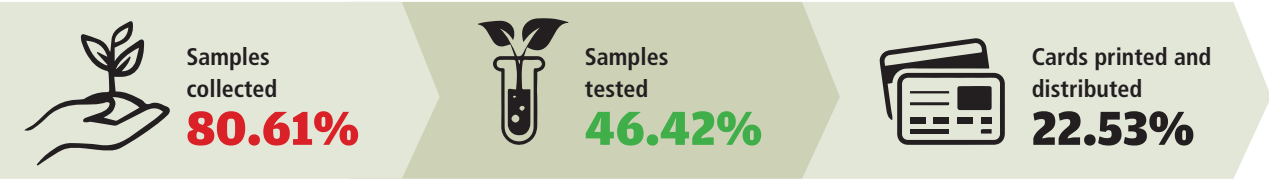
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SOIL HEALTH CARD SCHEME

In February 2015, the Union government launched an ambitious scheme to issue Soil Health Cards (SHCs) to about 140 million or about 80 per cent farmers in the country. The scheme is the government’s response to India’s degrading soil health that has hindered farm productivity. It aims to promote integrated nutrient management through the judicious use of chemical fertilisers to improve soil health and its productivity. One of the primary reasons for soil deterioration has been India’s skewed fertiliser price policy that has pushed urea over phosphorus and potassium fertilisers.



Delays at every step Performance of the scheme drops at every stage of implementation



Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India

YET TO PICK UP

Only Himachal Pradesh has managed to meet more than 85 per cent of its soil health card (SHC) distribution targets. Distribution levels have been negligible in Union Territories

State	Soil samples collection and testing targets (2015-16 & 2016-17)	Percent progress of soil samples collected	Percent progress of soil samples tested	SHC printing & distribution targets (2015-16 & 2016-17)	Percent progress of SHCs distributed
S T A T E S					
Andhra Pradesh	1,348,382	89.54	81.23	7,455,204	58.42
Arunachal Pradesh	20,532	71.26	49.69	113,523	1.23
Assam	278,707	37.17	12.18	1,540,968	5.30
Bihar	1,308,778	60.55	35.24	7,236,233	21.73
Chhattisgarh	703,691	87.47	47.79	3,890,709	26.60
Goa	25,000	87.30	78.34	77,459	25.28
Gujarat	1,589,236	>100.00	86.13	8,786,883	15.55
Haryana	788,670	96.04	42.17	4,360,555	3.17
Himachal Pradesh	69,635	>100.00	>100.00	385,011	82.85
Jammu & Kashmir	165,318	48.17	28.93	914,044	8.09
Jharkhand	115,302	88.30	55.86	637,507	20.48
Karnataka	1,665,765	67.86	48.79	9,210,012	5.69
Kerala	127,585	70.66	66.98	705,420	13.33
Madhya Pradesh	2,313,977	87.70	33.88	12,793,976	21.69
Maharashtra	2,347,121	99.39	63.48	12,977,232	39.89
Manipur	20,713	41.66	20.27	114,522	2.88
Meghalaya	27,338	>100.00	>100.00	151,150	18.97
Mizoram	11,986	71.34	63.96	11,986	63.96
Nagaland	33,423	70.15	49.89	184,797	15.26
Odisha	668,635	80.49	53.80	3,696,881	31.48
Punjab	835,526	50.76	28.84	4,619,621	10.93
Rajasthan	2,308,013	86.66	28.91	12,761,005	13.81
Sikkim	13,217	100.00	100.00	46,000	58.70
Tamil Nadu	1,274,536	90.14	62.00	7,046,911	44.58
Telangana	1,034,678	>100.00	68.11	5,720,737	38.55
Tripura	32,736	76.17	68.37	180,998	12.37
Uttarakhand	135,738	81.11	70.26	750,494	50.50
Uttar Pradesh	4,770,399	67.69	29.16	26,391,089	14.24
West Bengal	1,300,349	41.80	30.75	7,189,629	11.82
U N I O N T E R R I T O R I E S					
Andaman & Nicobar	1,405	>100.00	>100.00	7,799	0.00
Chandigarh	277	>100.00	0.00	1,532	0.00
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2,162	Not available	Not available	12,000	Not available
Puducherry	3,530	>100.00	87.28	19,594	0.15

States where performance is less than 50%, states where performance has been 50-75%, states where performance has been greater than 75%
Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India