

AIMS OF SOIL HEALTH CARD SCHEME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crop-wise recommendations of nutrients and fertilizers required for the individual farms • To help farmers to improve productivity through judicious use of inputs • Ensuring food security of the country • Awareness of soil health position and the role of manures would help in higher production of food grains in eastern India • Help tackle the decline in production in central and peninsular India • The growth in food grains, rice and wheat, from eastern India would provide an opportunity to procure and create food grain reserves locally. • Reduce the agricultural pressure on Punjab and Haryana • Help farmers adopt crop diversification • Farmers would understand the fertility factor of the land better and can be attracted towards value added newer crops • India is now eyeing second Green Revolution in eastern India. The need for enhanced investment in agriculture with twin focus on higher quality productivity and welfare of farmers.
WHAT WILL THE SOIL HEALTH CARD CONTAIN?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health of the soil. • Functional characteristics of the soil. • The content of water and various nutrients in the soil. • If the soil has any additional properties, the card would list those. • The corrective measures which a farmer can take to improve the flaws of his soil.
KEY FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government is planning to cover as many as all farmers under the scheme. • The scheme will cover all the parts of the country. • In the form of soil card, the farmers will get a report. and this report will contain all the details about the soil of their particular farm. • A farm will get the soil card once in every 3 years.

BENEFITS OF THE SOIL HEALTH CARD SCHEME:

- The scheme will monitor the soil of the farmers well and will give them a formatted report. So, they can decide well which crops they should cultivate and which ones they should skip.
- The authorities will monitor the soil on a regular basis. One in every 3 years, they will provide a report to farmers. So, farmers need not worry if the nature of the soil changes due to certain factors. Also, they will always have updated data about their soil.
- The work of the government does not stop at listing down measures required to improve the quality of the soil. In fact, they will also employ experts to help farmers in carrying out the corrective measures.
- Farmers will get a proper soil health record, thanks to the Soil Health Card Scheme. Also, they can study the soil management practices. Accordingly, they can plan the future of their crops and land.
- Generally, in government schemes, the person carrying out the study for a particular farmer gets changed. But in the Soil Health Card Scheme, the government is paying attention that the same person carries out soil analysis for a farmer. This will further enhance the effectiveness of the scheme.
- The soil card will give the farmers a proper idea of which nutrients their soil is lacking. And hence, which crops they should invest in. they will also tell which fertilizers they need. So, ultimately, the crop yield will see a rise.
- The main aim behind the scheme was to find out the type of particular soil. And then provide ways in which we can improve it. Even if a soil has some limitations, we can do something to get the most out of it. **And that is what the government is trying to do with the help of this scheme.**