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The infographic features a central green box with a plant icon and the text 'SOIL HEALTH CARD' and 'Swasth Dhara, Khet Haraa'. Surrounding it are six colored boxes with the following text:

- Blue box:** Issue of 12 crore 'Soil Health Cards' for all the Holdings once in a cycle of 2 years.
- Yellow box:** All 2.53 crore samples collected and tested across the country in cycle-1, 2015-17.
- Green box:** 9.12 Crore 'Soil Health Cards' distributed till 5th Sep, 2017. Balance distribution soon.
- Red box:** Information to the farmers on optimal doses of fertilizer application to Crops.
- Dark purple box:** Informed choices to the farmers on soil health for increasing productivity.
- Dark grey box:** Nation-wide program to improve soil health.

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