

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1147
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16/12/2022

ARABLE LAND IN THE COUNTRY

1147. SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a): whether there is an increase in the area of arable land in the country during the last one decade; and
- (b): the area of arable land that has been used for commercial non agricultural purposes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) and (b) : As per the latest Land Use Statistics-at a glance, the details of arable land in the country for the year 2009-10 to 2018-19 is available at **Annexure**.

As per the Seventh Schedule of Constitution of India, land comes under the purview of State Governments. Therefore State government are to take suitable steps to check diversion of arable land for commercial non agricultural purposes. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of States, through appropriate policy measures and budgetary support. Under the National Policy for Farmers – 2007 (NPF-2007), State Governments have been advised to earmark lands with low biological potential such as uncultivable land, land affected by salinity, acidity, etc., for non-agricultural development activities, including industrial and construction. National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy – 2007 (NRRP-2007) has also recommended that as far as possible, projects may be set up on waste land, degraded land or un-irrigated land and acquisition of irrigated, multi-cropped agricultural land for non-agricultural uses may be kept to the minimum or avoided, to the extent possible.

Annexure

**Annexure referred in reply to part (a) & part (b) Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 1147
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Details of Arable Land in the country during the year 2009-10 to 2018-19 (latest available)

(in Thousand Hectare)

Year	Arable Land
2009-10	1,82,179
2010-11	1,82,010
2011-12	1,81,955
2012-13	1,82,086
2013-14	1,81,849
2014-15	1,81,829
2015-16	1,81,603
2016-17	1,81,133
2017-18	1,81,064
2018-19	1,80,888

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics, DA&FW.
