

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1769

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016

DEFENCE LAND

1769. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE please be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large portion of defence land has been illegally occupied;
- (b) if so, the total number of complaints received for the same and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has a comprehensive data bank of the total defence land under its authority across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State / UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make more productive use of unused defence land under its control?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

राष्ट्रिय मंत्री

(डा. सुभाष भामरे)

**(a) & (b):** The Ministry of Defence has received reports from the land management agencies under it, of about approximately 10059 acres of defence land being under encroachment. This is around 0.57% of the total land holding of Ministry of Defence. Reports and complaints on the subject are received from time to time but no centralized record of such complaints is maintained by the Ministry. Action against encroachment is taken under the law viz. Public Premises (Eviction of unauthorised occupants) Act, 1971 and Cantonment Act 2006. In addition action aimed at prevention, detection and removal of encroachments, is an ongoing process.

**(c) & (d):** Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE) in the Ministry of Defence maintains a comprehensive data bank of defence land across the country. The details of total area of land under the ownership of Ministry of Defence, State / UT-wise is annexed.

**(e)** All Defence land is earmarked for Defence purposes. To ensure proper utilisation of Defence land periodic Defence Land Audit is carried out.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1769 FOR ANSWER ON 25.11.2016**

**Details of land under Ministry of Defence in the country, State / UT-wise:**

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>State</b>               | <b>Area ( in acres)</b> |
|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.             | Andaman & Nicobar Islands  | 8166.39                 |
| 2.             | Andhra Pradesh & Telangana | 39735.03                |
| 3.             | Arunachal Pradesh          | 4787.39                 |
| 4.             | Assam                      | 25493.31                |
| 5.             | Bihar                      | 11925.44                |
| 6.             | Chandigarh                 | 176.25                  |
| 7.             | Chattisgarh                | 1582.41                 |
| 8.             | Dadara & Nagar Haveli      | 0                       |
| 9.             | Daman & Diu                | 196.00                  |
| 10.            | Delhi                      | 11628.55                |
| 11.            | Goa                        | 3025.58                 |
| 12.            | Gujarat                    | 24807.00                |
| 13.            | Haryana                    | 37211.36                |
| 14.            | Himachal Pradesh           | 8096.65                 |
| 15.            | Jammu & Kashmir            | 22338.51                |
| 16.            | Jharkhand                  | 7713.62                 |
| 17.            | Karnataka                  | 33124.71                |
| 18.            | Kerala                     | 5279.40                 |
| 19.            | Lakshadweep                | 39.85                   |
| 20.            | Madhya Pradesh             | 231073.96               |
| 21.            | Maharashtra                | 138802.10               |
| 22.            | Manipur                    | 1294.41                 |
| 23.            | Meghalaya                  | 4029.40                 |
| 24.            | Mizoram                    | 0.21                    |
| 25.            | Nagaland                   | 551.28                  |
| 26.            | Odisha                     | 18015.72                |
| 27.            | Pudducherry                | 20.38                   |
| 28.            | Punjab                     | 78329.18                |
| 29.            | Rajasthan                  | 821186.68               |
| 30.            | Sikkim                     | 3078.07                 |
| 31.            | Tamil Nadu                 | 21233.46                |
| 32.            | Tripura                    | 2679.51                 |
| 33.            | Uttar Pradesh              | 123309.97               |
| 34.            | Uttarakhand                | 27168.07                |
| 35.            | West Bengal                | 40955.70                |
|                | <b>Total</b>               | <b>1757055.54</b>       |

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