

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.129**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

**LAND MONETISATION POLICY**

\*129. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry/Army's Land Monetisation Policy has not been implemented in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any land revenue loss due to non-implementation of the said Land Monetisation Policy and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the land of Sabeya Airbase in Gopalganj, Bihar is lying unused for many years and if so, the reasons for non-utilization of this land; and
- (e) whether the Government is planning to use this land of Sabeya Airbase for defence purposes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 129 FOR ANSWER ON 28.07.2021 REGARDING 'LAND MONETISATION POLICY'.**

(a) to (c): As per MoD letter dated 02.02.2016, requests for transfer of defence land received from Central Govt. Departments, State Government and organizations controlled by it as also local bodies for execution of public infrastructure/utility projects are considered on merits, on the basis of exchange of equal value land or, on payment of current market value of land. As per this policy, the defence land can also be given on lease/license with premium and rent fixed on the basis of nature of public project. Further, in terms of MoD letter dated 21.10.2020, the defence land can also be transferred against creation of equal value infrastructure for land owning units of Defence.

(d) & (e): Defence land known as Hathwa Abandoned Airfield situated in Gopalganj Bihar is spread over 11 villages, including village Sawaya. The land is placed under the management of Defence Estates Officer. The Ministry has not received any proposal from Service Headquarters for utilization of the same.

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