

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3887
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2021

Agricultural Land under Special Category

3887. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up any institutes for management, development and conservation of land resources in the country including Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the State Governments to notify agricultural land under the “Special Category” to check its use for any other purpose?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

- (a) to (c) As per the Seventh Schedule of Constitution of India, ‘land’ falls under the purview of State Government and, therefore, authority to make policies on management, development and conservation of land lies with State Governments only. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of State Governments through various programmes.

Government of India has not set up any institution specifically for the management, development and conservation of land resources in the country including Bihar.

However, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), an autonomous body of Government of India has its regional institutes in the States / UTs (as given in **Annexure**). These regional institutes conduct basic and strategic researches to develop location - specific, cost effective, eco-friendly conservation and management technologies for sustainable management of natural resources.

As per information available, no such direction has been issued to State Governments to notify agricultural land under the “Special Category” to check its use for any other purpose.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3887 for answer on 21.12.2021

List of ICAR Research Institutes in the country

Name of the State/UT	Name of the Research Institutes with Location
Arunachal Pradesh	Regional Station of ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hilly Region, Basar
Assam	Regional Station of National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning, Jorhat
Bihar	ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna
	Research Centre (of ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region) Makhana, Darbhanga
	Mahatma Gandhi Integrated Farming Research Institute, Motihari
Chandigarh	Regional Station of Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation Chandigarh
Delhi	Regional Station of National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning, Delhi
Goa	Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa
Gujarat	Regional Station of Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Bhuj
	Regional Station of Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Valsad
	Regional Station of Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Bharuch
Haryana	Central Soil Salinity Research Institute , Karnal
Jharkhand	Research Centre (of ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region) Ranchi
Karnataka	Regional Station of Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Bellary;
	Regional Station of National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning, Bangaluru
Madhya Pradesh	Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal;
	Regional Station of Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Datia
	Directorate of Weed Research , Jabalpur;
Maharashtra	National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning, Nagpur;
	National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management, Baramati
Manipur	Regional Station of ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hilly Region, Imphal

Meghalaya	ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hilly Region, Barapani, Meghalaya
Mizoram	Regional Station of ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hilly Region, Kolasib
Nagaland	Regional Station of ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hilly Region, Jharnapani
Odisha	Indian Institute of Water Management, Bhubaneswar; Regional Station of Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Koraput
Rajasthan	Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur with Regional Stations at Bikaner, Jaisalmer and Pali Regional Station of Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Kota Regional Station of National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning, Udaipur;
Sikkim	ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hilly Region, Gangtok
Ladakh	Regional Station of Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Leh
Tamil Nadu	Regional Station of Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Ootacamund
Telangana	Central Research Institute for Dry land Agriculture, Hyderabad
Tripura	Regional Station of ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hilly Region, Lembucherra
Uttar Pradesh	Central Agro-Forestry Research Institute, Jhansi Indian Institute of farming Systems Research, Modipuram Regional Station of Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Agra Regional Station of Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Lucknow
Uttarakhand	Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Dehradun
West Bengal	Regional Station of National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning, Kolkata Regional Station of Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Canning Town
