

outside the legal framework, through un-recorded transactions, collusive deals etc. It is difficult, if not impossible, to make any precise estimate of the extent of alienation of land held by tribals to non-tribals.

(b) In tribal areas where specific laws for tribal lands are operative, the State Governments have issued executive instructions from time to time to ensure that these laws are properly implemented. A number of States have in recent years also tightened their laws regarding alienation and dispossession of tribal land. The Ministry of Agriculture set up a Study Group of Relief of Indebtedness, Land Alienation and Restoration in Tribal Development Agency Areas whose recommendations have been forwarded to the concerned State Governments requesting them to take further action in the light of these recommendations.

**Surplus land available in States**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State-wise figures of surplus land available as a result of the implementation of new ceiling laws have been received; and

(b) if so, the gist thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The extent of surplus land likely to be available can be precisely estimated only in course of the implementation of the new ceiling laws. However, some State Governments have already made tentative estimates which are indicated in the table attached to this reply.

**STATEMENT**

State	Area likely to be surplus ('000 acres)
1. Andhra Pradesh	1,000
2. Assam	395
3. Bihar	500
4. Gujarat	50
5. Haryana	50
6. Karnataka	400
7. Kerala	100
8. Madhya Pradesh	50
9. Maharashtra	371
10. Manipur	4
11. Orissa	100
12. Punjab	87
13. Tamil Nadu	93
14. Tripura	2
15. Uttar Pradesh	300
16. West Bengal	200
	<b>3,702</b>

Since the implementation of the amended laws started the following States have already mopped up surplus area as shown below :—

1. Kerala	10,387 acres
2. Tamil Nadu	700 acres
3. West Bengal	53,807 acres