

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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STATUS OF AGRICULTURAL AND NON AGRICULTURAL LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has conducted a survey to know the status of agricultural land and non-agricultural land in all districts of Cooch Bihar ;
- (b) If so, when the said survey was made and the outcome of the survey ;
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) By when the said survey is likely to be conducted and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. The State Government of West Bengal has conducted Sample Survey at the block level during 2002-03 to determine the land use status in the State. As per this survey, out of 3,31,377 hectares of reporting area in the districts of Cooch Bihar, 253539 hectares is under net sown area, 3,771 hectares under forest, 59,095 hectares under non-agricultural use and the remaining area is under barren land, pasture, culturable waste and current fallow etc. The land use position varies from year to year depending on the climatic conditions.

(c)&(d) : The question does not arise.