

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PER-CAPITA AVAILABILITY OF LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a steep decline in per-capita availability of land in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any official survey has been conducted to ascertain the reasons for decreasing per-capita land;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether any proposal is under consideration to fix minimum quantum of agricultural land and to make it a viable earning through the mode of legislation; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e) : Yes, Sir. As per the information furnished by the States based on their regular surveys, the per capita availability of cultivable land has declined from 0.27 ha. in 1980-81 to 0.17 ha. in 2004-05 due to increase in population and diversion of agricultural land for non agricultural purposes such as urbanization, roads, industries etc. During the same period, land under non agricultural purposes has increased from 19.66 million ha. to 24.45 million ha.

(f) & (g) : No, Sir.