

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1867  
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GRAZING LAND  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total area of grazing land in the country including in rural areas;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to check encroachment on such land;
- (c) whether the Government has allowed such land for any other purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the area of land allotted?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
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- (a) The total area under permanent pasture and other grazing lands during 2007-08 was 10.38 million hectares.
- (b) The responsibility to safeguard against encroachment of land lies with the state governments.
- (c)&(d) In view of (b), the question does not arise.