

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3948

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BARREN LAND IN COASTAL AREAS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the total area of land in the coastal areas of Gujarat that has turned barren due to ingress of salty sea water during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has allocated any funds to make the said barren land cultivable during the last three years; and

(c) the total area of barren land made cultivable during each of the last three years?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): As per assessment of Gujarat State Irrigation Department about 15.58 lakh ha. land is affected by salinity in the coastal areas of the State. Year wise assessment of the areas that have turned barren is not maintained.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. An amount of Rs.13635.38 lakh has been allocated by the Government of Gujarat and an area of 72259.82 ha. has been made cultivable during last three years (2006-09). Year wise break-up is given below:

S.No. Year Amount allocated Area made cultivable  
(Rs. in lakh) (in ha.)

1 2006-07 1567.00 9945.42

2 2007-08 4065.98 25267.40

3 2008-09 8002.40 37047.00

Total 13635.38 72259.82