

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the area in percentage of barren land in each State of the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to improve such land in the States which have high percentage of barren land; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): State-wise percentage of barren and unculturable land is annexed.
- (b)&(c): All lands covered by mountains, deserts etc. are categorized as barren & unculturable lands and can be brought under cultivation only at an exorbitant cost. Government of India, therefore, does not promote any comprehensive scheme/programme for the development of barren & un-culturable lands.