

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF CULTIVABLE LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total cultivable land available in the country at present, Statewise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to allow change in land use of agricultural land for industry; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

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): As per available estimates, the total cultivable land is 182.71 million ha. (2006-07) in the country. The State-wise details are annexed.

(b) & (c): As per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, Land falls under the purview of the State Governments and, therefore, it is for the State Governments to bring suitable legislation to protect diversion and change in land uses of agricultural land.