

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FARMING LAND IN JHARKHAND  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of land under cultivation in Jharkhand and its percentage as compared to the uncultivated land in the State;
- (b) the efforts made so far to make multi dimensional utilisation of this land; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): Total Cultivated Land, which consists of net area sown and current fallows, is 38% of the reporting area in the State of Jharkhand whereas 62% of the land is uncultivated. The details of land under cultivation in Jharkhand for the year 2006-07 is given below:

(Area in Thousand Hectares)

Reporting area for utilisation statistics	Current Fallows sown Area	Net Cultivated Land Area	% of Cultivated Land Reporting	% of Cultivated Land Reporting	Un-Cultivated to vated Reporting	% of Un-Cultivated to vated Reporting
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7970	1244	1769	3013	38	4957	62
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(b) & (c): For the development of rainfed areas in the State of Jharkhand, the National Watershed Development Projects for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) is being implemented. This Programme has been subsumed under Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme since 2000. Soil & Water Conservation measures are taken up under the Scheme for improving the agriculture productivity. By the end of Tenth Plan 1.09 lakh hectares of land has been developed under the Scheme with an investment of Rs.50.20 crores. In the Eleventh Plan, the programme is being implemented in 94 watersheds covering 60,550 hectares of land. In the first two years of the Eleventh Plan, 7258 hectares of land has been developed incurring an expenditure of Rs.8.71 crores.