

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ARABLE LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes under implementation for increasing the area of arable land in the country;
- (b) the details of the financial assistance/ package given to the States under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise; and
- (c) the achievement made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture does not promote any specific scheme/programme for increasing area of arable/cultivable lands. However, with a view to prevent soil erosion, land degradation and to improve productivity of land, Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing various watershed development programmes, namely; National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas, Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River, Reclamation and Development of Alkali & Acid Soils and Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas across the country. State-wise and scheme-wise details of physical and financial achievements under these programmes during each of last three years (2008-11) and for 2011-12 are annexed.