

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL LANDS IN BIHAR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the area of agricultural lands in Bihar and the percentage of these lands in comparison to that of non-agricultural lands in the State;
- (b) whether any efforts have been made by the Government for multipurpose use of this land till date;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): As per available estimates (2009-10), agricultural land in State of Bihar is about 6.60 million hectare, which constitutes about 70% of its geographical area of 9.42 million hectare while remaining area is mostly under forests and non-agricultural uses. As per Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, land and its use falls under the purview of State Governments and, therefore, it is for State Governments to utilize lands according to their policies/priorities.