

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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NON-AVAILABILITY OF LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is facing huge shortage of land for industrial and infrastructural projects and is forced to approach the private sector to buy land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has commissioned a study to find out the land available with the State Governments and public sector companies for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for efficient utilization of available land in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI)

(a) & (b): Land and its management falls within the exclusive legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the respective States as provided under Entry No.18 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. The Central Government is not aware about any such shortage of land for industrial and infrastructural projects and being forced to approach the private sector for purchase of land.

(c) to (e): The Central Government vide its order No. 483/11/2011-Cab dated 31st January, 2011 constituted a Committee on Allocation of Natural Resources which inter-alia considered the issue of land and its availability and in its report has given the details of the land available with the Ministries /Organizations and has recommended that a transparent and uniform policy is framed with respect to alienation of land, which is followed by all the Government Ministries/Organizations including Government controlled statutory authorities. Similarly, all housing boards under the control of the Union Government should have a broad uniformity in their policies and with the presence of a Regulatory Body, it is hoped that sufficient housing at reasonable cost shall become a reality with Government also realizing its true value for money.