

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF LAND REFORMS ACT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to implement Land Reforms Act effectively and to distribute surplus land among the poor especially to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and to help the landless labour in formation of self help groups for protecting their interests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the land has been allotted to the tribal landless poor of Garasia Caste of Rajasthan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LAL CHAND KATARIA)

(a) to (c): 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 role of the Central Government in the field of land reforms is only advisory and coordinating. However, implementation of Land Reforms Programmes is reviewed from time to time at various fora including Conferences of Revenue Ministers and Revenue Secretaries of the States/UTs organized by the Ministry of Rural Development. The State Governments have, inter alia, been requested from time to time for distribution of ceiling surplus land to the eligible rural poor. As per information received from the States/UTs, on implementation of land ceiling laws, as on 30.6.2012, an area of 69.20 lakh acres has been declared surplus, of which 61.79 lakh acres area has been taken possession of and 51.40 lakh acres area has been distributed to 56.81 lakh beneficiaries. Out of the total 51.40 lakh acres area distributed, 19.26 lakh acres, 7.97 lakh acres area and 24.16 lakh acres area have been distributed to SCs, STs and other beneficiaries respectively. A statement showing State-wise distributed of surplus land among the poor especially to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and other Backward Classes (OBCs) is at Annexure.

(d)&(e): An area of 6.14 lakh acres has been declared surplus, in Rajasthan, of which 5.73 lakh acres area has been taken possession of and 4.69 lakh acres area has been distributed to 0.83 lakh beneficiaries. Out of the total 4.69 lakh acres area distributed, 1.45 lakh acres, 0.50 lakh acres and 2.73 lakh acres have been distributed to SCs, STs and OBCs respectively. Surplus Land has been allotted to S.Cs./S.Ts. and OBCs Persons. ?Garasia? Caste is a Scheduled Tribe . Separate Account for allotment to ?Garasias? is not maintained.