

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SOIL AND LAND USE SURVEY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted soil and land use survey to ascertain the status of agricultural and nonagricultural land in the country including West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome of the survey thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): State wise and district wise Land Use Statistics (LUS) comprising agricultural and non-agricultural land are furnished annually by State Agricultural Statistics Authority (SASA) of each State/UT. These are compiled and posted on the website of Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture at <http://eands.dacnet.nic.in>. As per the data supplied by SASA, agricultural land in West Bengal was 5.7 million hectares and non-agricultural land comprising forests, are under non-agricultural uses, barren and unculturable land and permanent pasture and other grazing land was 3.0 million hectares in 2010-11.