

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4161
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2014
ENCROACHMENT OF LAND
Dhurve Smt. Jyoti;Kachhadia Shri Naranbhai

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of land encroached upon for construction of religious shrines/structures in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any policy or issued guidelines to regulate/prevent encroachment of public land in the name of construction of religious shrines or structures; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) to (c): Land and its management falls under the exclusive legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the States as provided in Entry No. 18 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. The information as well as the policy or guidelines to regulate/prevent encroachment of public land therefore also falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of the States.