

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the use of agricultural land for industrial purposes has increased in the country during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the scheme being formulated/likely to be formulated by the Government to tackle this problem;
- (c) whether any strategy is being prepared to ensure the industrial development of the country without disturbing the regional balance; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a)&(b) : Land and its management falls under the exclusive legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the States as provided in Entry No. 18 of List 11 (State List) of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Thus, record of land provided for industrial use by the States is not maintained by the Central Government.

c)&(d): The Government makes efforts through policy measures to encourage setting up of industries in the States including in difficult areas. The measures taken recently include announcement of the National Manufacturing Policy (NMP), 2011; setting up of National Industrial Manufacturing Zones; implementing 'Make in India' initiative; liberalisation of Industrial licensing policy; adoption of new National Industrial classification; liberalisation of Foreign Direct Investment policy for attracting more foreign investment; etc. The Government has decided to set up a National Industrial Corridor Development Authority for Industrial corridors. Incentives are given for helping industries in difficult areas through Plan Schemes of Freight Subsidy, special package of incentives for Special Category States, North-East Industrial & Investment Promotion Policy, 2007 and specific programmes like Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme, Indian Leather Development Programme etc. Besides, Sectoral Ministries in the Government are also implementing various schemes and programmes for industrial development.