

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1713
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2017

Loss of Land due to Land Erosion

1713. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any study on the loss of land due to land erosion in various States of North-Eastern Region including Assam;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether some State Governments have requested the Union Government for providing assistance for rehabilitation of families affected due to land erosion; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Union Government in this regard, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

- (a) & (b) The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development has not conducted any study on the loss of land due to land erosion in various States of North-Eastern Region including Assam. However, as per information received from Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), the extent of land degradation including land erosion in the country is 120.4 million ha comprising of 82.6 million ha due to water erosion, 12.0 million ha due to wind erosion, 24.8 million ha due to chemical degradation and 1.0 million ha due to physical degradation. The State-wise details including States of North-Eastern Region including Assam, is given in **Annexure**.
- (c) & (d) The Department of Land Resources has not received any request from the State Governments to provide financial assistance for rehabilitation of families affected due to land erosion.

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1713
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State-wise extent of land degradation including soil erosion in India

Sr. No.	State	Area of Degraded land (thousand ha)
1.	Andhra Pradesh (erstwhile)	9193
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2154
3.	Assam	4571
4.	Bihar	1371
5.	Chhattisgarh	4784
6.	Goa	122
7.	Gujarat	3129
8.	Haryana	551
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1065
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2094
11.	Jharkhand	3943
12.	Karnataka	8093
13.	Kerala	2608
14.	Madhya Pradesh	14095
15.	Maharashtra	9728
16.	Manipur	1768
17.	Meghalaya	1732
18.	Mizoram	1163
19.	Nagaland	1550
20.	Orissa	3722
21.	Punjab	494
22.	Rajasthan	20424
23.	Sikkim	60
24.	Tamil Nadu	2997
25.	Tripura	785
26.	Uttar Pradesh	14405
27.	Uttarakhand	1435
28.	West Bengal	2140
29.	Delhi	28
30.	A&N Islands	71
31.	Others	125
	Total	120400