

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:538
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2000
ACIDIC LAND REFORM
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bihar Government has submitted any proposal for clearance and financial assistance in regard to reclamation of saline-alkaline and water logging areas as well as to implement Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Acidic Land Reform;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be accorded approval?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Government of Bihar vide their letter No.C/Plan I/99/388/Patna dated 30.9.1999 had submitted a Project Proposal for seeking World Bank Assistance of Rs.1340.00 crores for Reclamation and Development of 2.20 lakh Ha.Salt Affected Lands in 8 Districts of Gandak Command Area.After examination by Ministry of Agriculture, the comments along with a request to submit the revised proposal was conveyed to Government of Bihar on 29.12.1999.