

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF FLY ASH ON BARREN LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the findings recently that the fly ash can make barren land fertile;
- (b) if so, whether any further study is likely to be made on this as this is likely to make large barren area fertile besides being environment cleaning process; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has not conducted any systematic study on use of fly ash for reclamation of waste/barren lands. The existing evidence in literature suggests improvement of physical properties of soils, especially water holding capacity in coarse textured soils, with the application of fly ash.