

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF ARABLE LAND

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has extended all possible help to the tribals living in the remote areas of Car Nicobar Island in Andaman for development of arable land;
- (b) if so, the names of produces being cultivated in these areas;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the total area of land in hectares that have been developed as arable land till-date;
- (e) whether all the affected tribals have been provided with the arable land for agricultural purposes; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Coconut, Arecanut, Tuber Crops, Banana, Papaya, Pandanus, and now recently vegetables after Tsunami.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): Total cultivable arable land in pre-Tsunami mostly with Coconut and Arecanut was 10173 ha. Affected area due to Tsunami is 969.35 ha and till date 567.87 ha of land have been reclaimed.
- (e): All the land belong to Tribals. No Revenue/Forest land is available in the tribal area.
- (f): Does not arise.