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PREFACE

The Land Use Statistics published by this Department contains data on All India and State-wise Land Use Classification, Gross & Net Irrigated Area (source-wise), Irrigated area under crops and Area under crops. The Land Use Classification followed is a nine-fold classification as recommended by a Technical Committee on Coordination of Agriculture Statistics set up in 1948 by the then M/o Food and Agriculture. This classification is primarily based on whether a particular area is cultivated, grazed or forested. The purpose is to show existing land distribution according to its actual use. Once the actual land use pattern is known, it is possible to explore the alternatives for an effective sustainable land use, protect agriculture land from depletion and assist the Government in framing land use policy towards better conservation while pursuing sustainable development goals.

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