Question 1361) - Is the permission of the Imam needed for that?

A: Yes, the permission of the ruler is needed. He who cultivates a land with the ruler/s permission owns it. According to Imaam Abu Hanifa RAH. if one cultivates it without permission then he does not own it. The other two Imams say that he will own it even if cultivates it without permission.

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