

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
DRIP IRRIGATION .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government is aware that in the countries like Israel where water is scarce, drip irrigation is being used successfully; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for not encouraging it in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government has already launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation in January 2006 to install drip and sprinkler irrigation systems in the country. The scheme supports the following interventions:-

- i) Assistance @ 50% to all categories of farmers in the ratio of 40:10 shared between Central Government and State Government and remaining 50% is borne by the beneficiary either through his/her own resources or by availing soft loan from financial institution. An area of 8.02 lakh ha. has been achieved under drip irrigation.
- ii) Training & awareness programmes on drip technology for farmers, officials, financial institutions, NGOs & other stake holders.
- iii) Operational research on drip irrigation technology for various crops through 22 Precision Farming Development Centres.
- iv) Integration of drip irrigation with other plasticulture applications/technologies viz. greenhouse, mulching, low tunnel etc.
- v) Integration of Macro & Micro Irrigation in canal command area e.g. Andhra Pradesh & Gujarat.