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MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA

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MICRO AND DRIP IRRIGATION IN DELTA REGIONS OF THANJAVUR

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plans to introduce micro irrigation and/or drip irrigation in the delta regions of Thanjavur and the details thereof; and
(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) Under Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) scheme being implemented by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DoA&FW), Government of India is providing subsidy for on-farm micro irrigation equipment in the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu. The scheme focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through drip and sprinkler irrigation systems.

PDMC was earlier implemented by DoA&FW as a component of the umbrella scheme Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). However, from the year 2021 onwards, it is being implemented by DoA&FW as a part of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

An area of 22,433 hectare has been covered under micro irrigation through PDMC in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu, from the year 2015-16, till date.
