

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2635**

ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026

**IRRIGATION AND MICRO-IRRIGATION COVERAGE UNDER PMKSY IN PUNJAB**

2635. Dr. VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

Will the Minister of **Jal Shakti** be pleased to state:

- (a) the component-wise irrigation potential created/restored, micro-irrigation area covered, watershed area developed and Central assistance released under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana in the State of Punjab during the last five years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that only about 1.52 lakh ha irrigation potential and 19, 941 ha micro irrigation has been achieved in the State so far through the scheme despite 72 per cent blocks being over-exploited; and
- (c) the reasons for low PMKSY outcomes in the State compared to national achievements and the corrective roadmap for water-stressed districts of the State?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

**(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)**

(a) Progress made and central assistance released to the State of Punjab in last five years under different components of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) is given below.

Sl. No.	Component of PMKSY	Central Assistance provided since 2020-21 till 11.03.2026 (Rs. crore)	Progress made in last five years i.e. 2020-25
1.	Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP)	1171.86	200.37 thousand-hectare irrigation potential has been created/restored through projects implemented in State of Punjab.
2.	Command Area Development and Water Management (CAD&WM)	108.55	101.72 thousand hectare command area developed in the State of Punjab.
3.	Watershed Development (WDC)	19.39	11.35 thousand hectare watershed area has been developed.
4.	Per Drop More Crop*	23.06	13.15 thousand hectare area brought under micro irrigation.

\* Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) component, being implemented by Department of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, was implemented under the umbrella of PMKSY till March'2022 and now being implemented under Pradhan Mantri-Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (PM-RKVY).

**(b) & (c)** Irrigation potential of 223.62 thousand hectare has been created/restored against the target of 239.99 thousand hectare under PMKSY-AIBP and 101.72 thousand hectare command area has been developed against the target of 142.66 thousand hectare under PMKSY-CAD&WM under the projects being implemented in the State of Punjab since 2016-17. Further, 19,941 hectare area in Punjab has been brought under micro irrigation under PDMC during this period.

Government of Punjab has informed that about 98% of the cultivated area in Punjab is already under assured surface and sub-surface irrigation and large scale prevalence of paddy-wheat cropping system in Punjab limits the adoption of micro-irrigation by farmers in the State.

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