

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1711
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JULY, 2019

USE OF DRIP IRRIGATION

1711. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is likely to give instructions to farmers for maximum use of drip irrigation keeping in mind the problem of drought across the country;
- (b) whether the Government has proposed or is likely to propose any funds or subsidy scheme to promote the use of drip irrigation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is assisting farmers to use micro irrigation both Drip & Sprinkler through the scheme - 'Per Drop More Crop' component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-PDMC) launched in 2015-16.

The Department encourages the farmers to take advantage of the scheme by wide publicity through press & print media, publication of leaflets/booklets, organization of workshops, exhibitions, farmer fairs, information on State/Government of India web portals etc. In addition, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) imparts training and organizes field demonstrations through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) to educate farmers for promotion of Micro Irrigation.

(b) & (c): The Government provides financial assistance @ 55% for small and marginal farmers and @ 45% for other farmers for installation of Drip and Sprinkler systems under the PMKSY- PDMC. In addition, some States provide additional incentives for encouraging farmers to adopt Micro Irrigation. Further, 25% higher amounts have been taken into calculation of subsidy for the North Eastern and Himalayan states and 15% higher for States with low penetration of Micro Irrigation for larger adoption of systems by the farmers under the scheme.

Under the scheme, Central Assistance of Rs. 9285.84 crore was released to States during the period of 2015-16 to 2018-19 and an amount of Rs. 3500.00 crore (BE) is allocated for the current year.
