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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2529
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH JULY, 2019

GST ON IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

2529. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

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

- (a) whether considering that the country is facing problems of water and there is need for upgradation of irrigation systems with new technology for farming, the Government proposes to reduce the GST applicable as on date on such products and systems like PVC pipes, sprinkler systems etc.; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare(DAC&FW) is implementing Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) which focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through Micro Irrigation technologies viz. Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation systems.

Besides, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed cost effective, location specific modern agronomic practices like raised bed sowing, alternate furrow irrigation, mulching, Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) through seed drills and drum seeders, System of Rice Intensification (SRI), alternate wetting & drying method, laser land leveling, crop diversification and varieties which require less water to ensure improved water productivity together with higher crop productivity in the country. Assistance is given to the States through various schemes of DAC&FW for water conservation techniques and tools.

GST rates on goods are notified on the basis of the recommendation of the GST Council, according to which 18% GST on PVC pipes and 12% GST on sprinkler systems have been notified. At present, there is no recommendation of GST Council for reduction of the applicable GST on Irrigation systems like PVC pipes, sprinkler systems etc.
