

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 213
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH MARCH, 2021

EXPANSION OF DRIP AND SPRINKLER IRRIGATION

*213. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to facilitate States in mobilizing resources for expanding the coverage of adoption of drip & sprinkler irrigation system for enhancing water use efficiency in agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether this component will be provided in addition to the existing scheme of Per Drop More Crop from Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) to (d): The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Per Drop More Crop component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-PDMC) from 2015-16 in all the States of the country which focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through Micro Irrigation systems viz. Drip and Sprinkler irrigation systems and creation of water storages for supplementing micro-irrigation. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 13728.12 crore has been provided to the states and an area of 53.73 lakh ha has been covered under Micro Irrigation in the country till date.

With a view to providing impetus to the Micro Irrigation systems and to enhance the water use efficiency in agriculture sector, a Micro Irrigation Fund (MIF) with corpus of Rs. 5000 Crore was created with NABARD during 2018-19. The major objective of the Fund is to facilitate the States in mobilizing the resources to provide top up/ additional incentives to farmers for incentivising micro irrigation beyond the assistance available under PMKSY-PDMC. States may also access MIF exclusively for innovative integrated projects depending on State specific requirements. Government of India provides 3% interest subvention on loans extended to State Governments under MIF.

Under the MIF, the projects for Rs. 3970.17 Crore have been approved for loan to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, West Bengal, Punjab & Uttarakhand till now to facilitate for bringing 12.81lakh ha under micro-irrigation.

Further, to strengthen and expand the adoption of micro-irrigation systems by the farmers in the country, an announcement in Budget- 2021 has been made to enhance the corpus of MIF to Rs. 10000 crore.