

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1844
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 2025

GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PITS FOR IRRIGATION

1844. SHRI AMRINDER SINGH RAJA WARRING:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy to farmers for construction of pits for irrigation under Drip Sprinkler System;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of farmers who have been paid the subsidized amount for pits construction during the last two years especially in Punjab; and
- (c) whether any proportional share of the funds has been determined regarding the works sanctioned under the said scheme for Union and State Governments and if so, the details thereof and the allocation from the beginning of scheme for Punjab, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through Micro Irrigation, namely, Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation Systems. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is given to farmers for installation of micro irrigation systems @ 55% to small and marginal farmers and 45% to other farmers.

To enable the farmers to adopt micro irrigation, the scheme supports water sources creation activities as "Other Interventions (OI)", which must be linked to Micro Irrigation. The amount for OI activities is restricted to 20% of the total allocation for States/UTs and 40% for North East States, Himalayan States/ UTs. Funding pattern of the Scheme is in the ratio of 60:40 between Centre and State Governments respectively for all States, except the North Eastern and Himalayan States where the ratio is 90:10. The State Govt. of Punjab was approved of water harvesting activity at community level as per Annual Work Plan for 200 farmers under "Other Interventions" of the scheme during last 2 years.

The year wise Central Assistance allocated to State of Punjab under PDMC including grant for “Other Interventions” for the State of Punjab is as under:

Year	Central allocation (Crore)
2015-16	43
2016-17	14
2017-18	10
2018-19	15
2019-20	15
2020-21	10
2021-22	15
2022-23	15
2023-24	10
2024-25	11
Total	158
