

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2246

ANSWERED ON 12/03/2025

ENHANCING SUBSIDY UNDER PM-KUSUM

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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the farmers are unable to avail the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri - Krishi Urja Suraksha Utthaan Mahaabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM) since the Government provides a subsidy of only 60 percent and the remaining 40 percent is to be borne by the farmers themselves, which the farmers are unable to afford despite the great benefits of the solar operated water pumps;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to enhance the subsidy to 90 percent to save the cost of fossil fuel in the operation of water pumps for irrigation and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the existing procedure for seeking/clearing applications need to be made much simpler and the budget for the PM-KUSUM also needs enhancement and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND POWER

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b) Under Component B of PM KUSUM scheme, Central Financial Assistance of 30% (or 50% for North Eastern Region/Hilly region/Islands) of the benchmark cost or tender rates, whichever is lower, is provided. The states are also providing a minimum of 30% state share and rest up to 40% to be borne by the farmer. However, the PM KUSUM scheme is covered under Agricultural Infrastructure Fund, which provides easy financing at 6%. With current diesel cost of around Rs 87 per litre, and assuming consumption of 4.6 litres per day (for 5 HP pumps), the farmer can achieve the breakeven in a year.

(c) No.

(d) The Ministry has simplified the process and issued comprehensive revised guidelines on 17.01.2024. For further enhancement of the scheme capacity MNRE is working on proposing next phase of PM-KUSUM 2.0.
