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**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4108**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH MARCH, 2025

NEW IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN HINGOLI LOK SABHA CONSTITUENCY

4108. SHRI AASHTIKAR PATIL NAGESH BAPURAO:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to sanction any new irrigation project to increase irrigation facility in Hingoli Lok Sabha constituency, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the steps being taken by the Government for making the process of farmers; claims settlement simple, transparent and time-bound under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce to special grants, training programmes or schemes to encourage organic farming in the Hingoli region;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to implement any special scheme to overcome the delay in providing subsidy under drip irrigation scheme to the farmers in Hingoli area; and
- (e) if so, the timeline for its implementation and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

- (a): Upper Penganga Project under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna (PMKSY) - Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme is benefitting Hingoli district, besides Yavatmal and Nanded districts. 41,571 hectare irrigation potential has been created under this project and 12,579 hectare command area has been developed under Command Area Development and Water Management Programme of PMKSY.
- (b): Under the Yield based Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and weather index based Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS), following steps have been taken to support farmers :

- i. Development of National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP) as a single source of data ensuring subsidy payment, co-ordination, transparency, dissemination of information and delivery of services. Direct online enrolment of farmers is also done to ensure transfer of claim amount electronically to the farmer's bank account.
- ii. In order to rigorously monitor claim disbursement process, a dedicated module namely 'Digicclaim Module' has been operationalized to ensure expeditious disposal of claim. There is provision for penalty of 12% on the insurance company when there is delay in payment.
- iii. District/State Level Grievance Redressal Committee has been provided in the Operational Guidelines to address the grievances of the farmers.
- iv. Krishi Rakshak Portal and Helpline (KRPH) has been developed and a toll free number deployed and linked to the insurance companies database, where farmers can raise their complaints to be resolved within stipulated time.
- v. Capturing of yield /Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) data through CCE-Agri App and uploading on the NCIP for enabling timely settlements.

(c): Organic farming is promoted through the scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), including in the State of Maharashtra. PKVY scheme provides end-to-end support to organic farmers i.e. from production to processing, certification and marketing in a cluster based approach. Under the scheme, financial assistance of Rs.31,500/ha over 3 years is given in organic clusters, out of which, Rs.15,000/ha is provided directly to farmers through DBT for on-farm and off-farm organic inputs including biofertilizers, Rs.4,500/ha for marketing, packaging, branding, value addition etc., Rs.3,000/ha for certification and residue analysis and Rs.9,000/ha for training and capacity building.

(d) &(e) : The Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) Scheme is under implementation in the country from 2015-16 including Hingoli Lok Sabha constituency. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to farmers for installation of micro irrigation systems @ 55% and 45% of the unit cost to small & marginal farmers and other farmers respectively. The State Government of Maharashtra is also providing additional top-up subsidy to encourage farmers to adopt micro irrigation including those in Hingoli area.

During the current financial year, Central Assistance of Rs. 483.29 crore has been released to the State under PDMC.
