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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1384**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2026

**IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT OF PMKSY IN TAMIL NADU**

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the implementation and impact of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)-(Per Drop More Crop) in Dharmapuri district, Tamil Nadu, considering the district's recurring water scarcity and dependence on horticulture and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the existing coverage of drip and sprinkler irrigation systems in Dharmapuri is adequate to meet the irrigation needs of small and marginal farmers cultivating mango, millets, vegetables and other crops and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expand access to micro irrigation through simplified procedures, enhanced awareness campaigns, technical assistance and timely subsidy support for farmers in Dharmapuri district and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures being taken to promote water use efficiency, improve irrigation coverage, enhance crop productivity and strengthen climate-resilient agriculture in Dharmapuri district under PMKSY?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) : The Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) was implemented in the Country including Tamil Nadu from the year 2015-16 to 2021-22 as a component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). From the year 2022-23, the scheme is being implemented under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PMRKVY).

As informed by the State of Tamil Nadu, Micro Irrigation systems is being promoted in the State through PDMC and large number of farmers are adopting it. Adoption of Micro Irrigation systems has enabled farmers to cultivate more area, get more yield when compared to conventional method of irrigation. Consequently, the livelihood and economic well-being of the farming community have improved.

(b) : The State has informed that about 80% of the financial allocation is allocated to Small/Marginal farmers under PDMC scheme. In Dharmapuri district, majority of the farmers come under Small/Marginal category. With the adoption of micro irrigation systems, farmers are able to undertake cultivation throughout the year, ensuring sustainable agricultural production. In Tamil Nadu, Small and Marginal Farmers are provided with 100% subsidy for the installation of micro irrigation systems through the PDMC scheme and State's additional share thereby reducing the financial burden on Small and Marginal Farmers. Further, the 5% GST applicable on micro irrigation components is also borne by the State from its additional share. In Dharmapuri district, since inception of the scheme in 2015-16, 94982 ha area has been covered under Micro Irrigation.

(c) : The State Government has taken initiatives to expand access to Micro Irrigation through the simplified procedures i.e. right from registration of beneficiaries to final fund release are carried out through portal to ensure transparency, timely implementation, and efficient monitoring. In addition, farmers are regularly updated of the status of their applications through the portal, enabling them to track the progress of their application. The awareness is created among the farmers about PDMC scheme through extension officials during their field visits, Mass contact Programmes, Farmer's Grievance Day, various other meetings held at village, block and district level and through social media tools like Instagram, Twitter and Whatsapp. Extension officials also provide technical assistance for maintenance of Micro Irrigation systems, acid treatment etc.

(d): As informed by the State, priority is accorded to Dharmapuri district in the allocation of funds considering its recurring water scarcity and the predominance of horticultural crops. Efforts are being taken to bring more area under Micro irrigation in the district in order to promote effective usage of available ground water and orient farmers towards climate-resilient agriculture.

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