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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1146
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th December, 2022

IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR FARMERS

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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 proposes to provide proper irrigation system to the farmers of the country;
- (b) whether any guidelines have been issued to the State Governments to install maximum subsidized tube wells on priority basis;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons there for?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Government of India is implementing Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) with an aim to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation and introduce sustainable water conservation practices. The components of PMKSY are as under:

(I) Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) and Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP): These components are being implemented by Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD&GR). Under PMKSY, 99 prioritized AIBP Projects including their Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) activities have been taken up on Mission Mode.

(II) Watershed Development Component: Department of Land Resources (DoLR) is implementing Watershed Development. The activities taken up under the programme are ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, water harvesting structure, livelihood support activities and other watershed works.

Besides, the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) Scheme which focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through Micro Irrigation namely Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation systems

(b) to (d) Ground Water Irrigation is one of the sub-component of PMKSY-Har Khet Ko Pani- Ground Water (PMKSY - HKKP - GW). The scheme aims to provide financial assistance to States for assured ground water irrigation for small and marginal farmers. The scheme is applicable only in areas having stage of ground water development less than 60%, average rainfall more than 750 mm rainfall and with shallow ground water levels. As per the report from Central Ground Water Board, DoWR, RD&GR has approved proposal for supporting ongoing scheme of Uttar Pradesh Government under PMKSY- HKKP - GW scheme for construction of irrigation wells to disburse the subsidy to the eligible farmers as per the approved provisions and extant guidelines. The total project cost is Rs. 46.36 crore, out of which, Central Assistance is Rs. 27.82 crore. During March, 2020, Central Assistance of Rs 16.69 crore has been released to the State under the project. So far, 14288 wells have been constructed benefiting to 14784 farmers and 27311 ha of command area for irrigation has been created.
