

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF POWER
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1897
ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023**

FREE ELECTRICITY TO FARMERS

1897. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

**Will the Minister of POWER
be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a long pending demand of farmers for free power to run agricultural irrigation pump set;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is also a fact that a large part of agriculture land is still not having the facility of canal irrigation;**
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide free electricity to those regions which are not irrigated with canals; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) : The State Governments are free to grant any subsidy, to any consumer or class of consumers including farmers provided the State Governments pay for the cost of electricity to the Distribution Companies so that they can procure electricity from the generating companies for distribution.

(c) to (e) : As per the “Agriculture Statistics at a Glance – 2022”, out of 64567 thousand hectares of area irrigated by different sources of irrigation in the country, 16908 thousand hectares of area is irrigated by canals (Annexure). Government of India had launched “Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)” in Financial Year 2015-16 with an aim to enhance physical

access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, to improve farm water use efficiency, introduce sustainable water conservation practices etc. Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP) is one of the component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). The scheme of Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) and Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies has now become a part of PMKSY-HKKP. Ministry of Jal Shakti provides Central Assistance (CA) to States for creation and restoration of Irrigation Potential (I.P.) under the SMI and RRR of Water Bodies schemes. The continuation of PMKSY-HKKP for the FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 has been approved with a budget outlay of Rs. 4580 crore and targeted irrigation potential of 4.50 lakh hectare through SMI and RRR of Water Bodies schemes.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1897 ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2023

Area Irrigated by different Source of Irrigation by Size Classes

(Figures in '000 Hectare)

Sl. No.	Size Class	Canals	Tanks	Wells	Tubewells	Others	Total
1	Marginal	4783	912	2262	7818	1060	16835
2	Small	3562	558	2891	6232	1021	14263
3	Semi-medium	3686	433	3219	6629	1028	14995
4	Medium	3441	259	2728	6001	836	13266
5	Large	1436	86	817	2485	384	5209
6	Total	16908	2248	11917	29165	4329	64567

Source : Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (Agriculture Census 2010-11)

Note: The information on area irrigated by different sources is not collected in the latest Agriculture Census 2015-16. Thus, the above figures are as per Agriculture Census 2010-11
