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PMKSY IN MAHARASHTRA

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Wardha and Amravati districts of Maharashtra have been included under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) during the current year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the action plan prepared for the said districts so far and the time by which the implementation of the same is likely to be done and completed;
- (c) whether the scheme covers both drought as well as deficient rainfall affected districts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which all such districts are likely to be included under the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) was launched during the year 2015-16, with an aim to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, improve on-farm water use efficiency, introduce sustainable water conservation practices, etc. It is an umbrella scheme, consisting of two major components being implemented by this Ministry, namely, Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), and Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP). HKKP, in turn, consists of four sub-components, being Command Area Development & Water Management (CAD&WM), Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies, and Ground Water (GW) Development component. In addition, PMKSY also consists of Watershed Development component (WDC) which is being implemented by Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development.

Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) component being implemented by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare was also a component of PMKSY during 2016-21, which is now being implemented separately. Further, continuation of PMKSY for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 has been approved by Government of India.

Under AIBP and CAD&WM component of PMKSY scheme, two ongoing major irrigation projects, namely Lower Pedhi and Lower Wardha, benefit Wardha & Amravati districts of Maharashtra. Central assistance to be released under PMKSY for the two projects is Rs. 268.22 crore, with a target to

create ultimate irrigation potential of 80.25 thousand hectare. These projects are targeted for completion by June, 2024.

In addition, under PMKSY-WDC, three projects benefit Amravati and four projects benefit Wardha district of Maharashtra. The eligible central assistance to these projects is Rs. 293.43 crore, and targeted area to be brought under protective irrigation is 22.23 thousand hectare.

(b) to (e) Water being a state subject, planning, implementation and operation & maintenance of water resources projects, including formulating, implementing and scheduling time lines for district-wise action plans, lie in the domain of the State Government concerned.

Partial financial assistance under different components of PMKSY is being provided for the identified projects, which are included as per the eligibility criteria laid down in the guidelines of the various components, and also based on the availability of funds,, geographic spread under the scheme, priorities of the Government, etc. The eligible projects also include projects from drought prone as well as deficient rainfall affected districts/areas of the country. Under PMKSY-AIBP, 62 projects cover drought prone areas though out the country. Additional irrigation potential of 15.70 lakh hectare has been created through these projects, and 31 of these projects have been reported to be completed so far.

In addition, Government of India has approved a Special Package for Maharashtra during 2018-19, which provides central assistance to complete 83 surface minor irrigation (SMI) projects and 8 major / medium irrigation projects in drought prone districts in Vidarbha, Marathwada and rest of Maharashtra. 18 SMI projects of Amravati district having estimated cost of Rs. 2,607.7 crore with ultimate irrigation potential of 22,141 hectare and 1 SMI project of Wardha district having estimated cost of Rs. 136.9 crore with ultimate irrigation potential of 1,600 hectare have been included under the same.
