

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4470  
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2000  
FUNDS FOR DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN MAHARASHTRA  
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

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

- (a) whether Maharashtra has sent a proposal seeking additional provision for installation of drip irrigation system during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the central share provided by the Union Government to the State Government during each of the first three years of the plan;
- (d) whether the State Government has asked to provide at least Rs.100 crore per year for this purpose; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a) & (b) The Government of Maharashtra requested for providing Rs.500.00 crores for drip irrigation during the Ninth Plan.
- (c) The central share provided to the Government of Maharashtra during the first three years of the Ninth Plan under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Use of Plastics in Agriculture is given below:

Year    Amount Released (Lakh Rs.)

1997-98	2447.00
1998-99	3194.13
1999-2000	2704.75

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Based on the budgetary allocations under the Scheme and their performance, the State Government of Maharashtra was provided assistance during the first three years of the Ninth Plan. With effect from the year 2000-01, the programme for drip irrigation has been amalgamated under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture Supplemental/Complemental of States' Efforts through Work Plans. Accordingly, the State Government was informed to provide adequate funds for drip irrigation in their Work Plan.