

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2739

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SUBSIDY FOR MICRO IRRIGATION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has sought a subsidy of 50 per cent for drip irrigation as part of its micro irrigation programme;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of subsidy being given at present on drip irrigation;
- (d) the percentage of subsidy borne by the States;
- (e) the target fixed for bringing cultivable land under drip and sprinkler irrigation in the next 10 years; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the goal?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)&(b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture has formulated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro irrigation to be implemented during the Tenth Five Year Plan with the objective of increasing the coverage of area under drip and sprinkler irrigation in the country. The scheme envisages assistance to farmers @ 50% of cost of the system.

(c)&(d): The Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Management in Agriculture Supplementation/Complementation of States Efforts through Work Plan to promote various agricultural and horticultural crops, under which assistance @ 25 percent of the system cost is being provided for promotion of micro irrigation involving drip and sprinkler irrigation. Besides, assistance for micro irrigation is being provided @ 50 percent of the system cost under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on

(i) `Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in the North Eastern States` (TMNE) including Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttranchal` and

(ii) `Integrated Scheme of oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize` (ISOPOM).

(e)&(f): No target has been fixed for covering cultivable land under drip and sprinkler irrigation for a period of 10 years. However, an area of 6.2 lakh hectares is proposed to be brought under Micro Irrigation during the Tenth Plan period under the Scheme.