

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MINI LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government promotes mini lift irrigation schemes all over the country;
- (b) if so, the total funds allocated for these schemes during the year 2005-06, State-wise;
- (c) whether these schemes will be taken up directly by the center involving local irrigation councils in various regions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) to (d) The minor irrigation schemes including mini lift irrigation are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments from their own budgetary resources. However, the Government of India is also supplementing their efforts. The State-wise outlay under State Sector approved for 2005-06 for the development of minor irrigation including mini lift irrigation is given in the enclosed statement.

To accelerate minor irrigation development in North-Eastern States, KBK district of Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttaranchal, central loan assistance, under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) of the Central Government in the Ministry of Water Resources, is provided for motivating farmers for utilizing water resources through minor irrigation scheme including lift irrigation.

Besides, the Central Government is also implementing a scheme of `On-Farm Water Management for Increasing Crop Production in Eastern India` in Uttar Pradesh (Eastern), Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram since 2002-03. The scheme is being implemented as a credit-linked back-ended subsidy basis by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development through banks in coordination with the State Governments. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for shallow tube wells, low lift irrigation points, pumping sets and dug wells. An allocation of Rs. 25 crores has been provided for 2005-06 under this scheme.