

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:112
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MICRO IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether irrigation facilities including micro and lift irrigation are being extended to more and more areas of the country over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount invested in such schemes/ projects, State-wise;
- (c) whether the area of barren land is increasing; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor, Statewise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Government has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation during January, 2006. The details of physical and financial achievements under the scheme is given at Annexure I. Assistance is also provided to the States under the scheme of Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) by Ministry of Water Resources for Minor Irrigation Schemes, which also includes lift irrigation projects. State wise details are given at Annexure II.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Question does not arise.