

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL MISSION ON MICRO IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement the existing Micro Irrigation Scheme as the National Mission on Micro Irrigation during the current plan period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds earmarked for the said mission;
- (c) whether the Government has revised the norms and pattern of assistance and incorporated new components in the National Mission on Micro Irrigation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which farmers are likely to be benefited as a result thereof?

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)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Government has launched the National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) in the country in June, 2010 for XI Plan period to promote drip and sprinkler irrigation system among farmers. A budget of Rs.3409 crore as central share is earmarked to cover 2.85 million ha under micro irrigation in the country for XI Plan Period.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. In the National Mission on Micro Irrigation, the cost norms for drip and sprinkler irrigation system has been increased and also included new components with advanced technology like semipermanent sprinkler system, raingun system, fertigation system and different types of filters and essential valves. Assistance is provided @ 60% for small and marginal farmers and @ 50% for general farmers (including 10% State Government Share). Drip system is being implemented for both wide and closed spaced crops.

(e): NMMI is expected to improve the income of farmers through increased production and productivity by enhancing water, fertilizer and energy use efficiency.