

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DRIP AND SPRINKLER IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the implementation of drip and sprinkler irrigation in the country including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether the farmers are unable to tap the said irrigation system due to lack of knowledge;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for extensive use of the said irrigation system in the country?

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): The country is implementing drip and sprinkler system in each State since 2005-06. An area of 9.30 lakh ha & 10.17 lakh ha have been achieved under drip and sprinkler irrigation respectively including Andhra Pradesh who contributed 3.51 lakh ha under drip and 1.24 lakh ha under sprinkler system.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Farmers of all States are not well versed with the said irrigation system and to address this, the Government is conducting demonstration, training and awareness program on drip and sprinkler irrigation system in districts.
- (d): The Government is promoting drip and sprinkler irrigation system by launching Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) and providing financial assistance of 60% of project cost for small and marginal farmers and 50% for general farmers including 10% State share.