

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total area brought under drip/ sprinkler irrigation in the country including Bihar during each of the last three years;
- (b) the details of assistance provided to the States by the Union Government during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds utilised during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) the number of farmers benefited therefrom, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to popularise drip/sprinkler irrigation 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 total area brought under Micro Irrigation (drip/sprinkler) in the country including Bihar during last three years are as under:-

Year Area (in lakh ha.)

2006-07 3.46

2007-08 4.32

2008-09 5.59

- (b) to (d): The details of assistance provided, funds utilized and number of farmers benefited under micro irrigation (drip/sprinkler). State-wise, year-wise including Bihar is at Annexure.

(e): To popularize the drip/sprinkler irrigation system, the Government has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation during January, 2006 and the same is being continued in the XI Plan Period. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided for installation of the system @ 50% of the total cost in the ratio of 40:10 between Central Government and State Government and @ 75% for demonstration of the system.