

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey or study to find out the benefits of drip irrigation in high levels of rainfall areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering special schemes to increase the use of drip irrigation systems in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Government has not conducted any such study in high levels of rainfall areas to find out the benefits of drip irrigation.

(c) & (d): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation was launched in January, 2006 with assistance @ 40% as Government of India (GOI) share, @ 10% as State Share and @ 50% as the beneficiary share to promote the micro irrigation which includes drip and sprinkler system of irrigation. The scheme is now continuing in mission mode since June, 2010 as the `National Mission on Micro Irrigation` (NMMI) with enhanced scope for coverage incorporating revised cost norms as well as inclusion of additional components. Under this Scheme assistance is now being provided @ 60% of total system cost to small and marginal farmers and @ 50% for general farmers including 10% of State share. The States have flexibility to enhance the State share out of its own resources. This scheme initiated implementation of drip and sprinkler irrigation system, its demonstration, training and awareness programmes for both horticulture and agriculture crops.