

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1044
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DRIP IRRIGATION
Bais Shri Ramesh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering special schemes to increase the use of drip irrigation systems;
- (b) if so, the land in hectares brought under drip/sprinkler irrigation system during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the financial assistance given by the Union Government to the States during the above period, State-wise;
- (d) whether any special subsidy has been provided by the Union Government to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, small and marginal farmers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a): No, Madam. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 'National Mission on Micro Irrigation' (NMMI) is already under implementation to increase the use of drip irrigation and sprinkler irrigation, in all states from June, 2010.
- (b) & (c): An area of 6.90 lakh ha and 4.50 lakh ha has been covered under drip and sprinkler irrigation, respectively during 2010-12 (till Jan, 2012). State wise area covered under drip and sprinkler irrigation is at Annexure-I. State wise financial assistance given by the Union Government during 2010-12 is at Annexure-II.
- (d) & (e): Assistance is provided @ 60% of total system cost to small, marginal, SC&ST farmers and @ 50% for general farmers in which 10% is State share. However, states are free to provide additional assistance to the farmer beneficiaries.