

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MICRO-IRRIGATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a): whether it is a fact that the micro-irrigation systems are highly water saving as also enhancing farm productivity and income;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering wide spread use of this system through extension services, cost reduction of equipment involved through sponsored R&D and spread of technologies through institutional support system;
- (c): whether the country has potential to bring 70 million hectare land under micro irrigation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government in this direction during the XII th Plan period, State wise?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation (MI) was launched by the Government in 2005-06. It was upgraded to Mission Mode in June, 2010. The three major components of this scheme are – (i) Area Coverage under Micro Irrigation; (ii) Transfer of Technology through Demonstration; and (iii) Human Resource Development through training, awareness programmes, exhibitions, publications and quality control.

(c) & (d): The Task Force on Micro Irrigation, set up under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, in its report submitted in January 2004, has estimated 69 million hectare potential area in the country under micro irrigation.

(e): National Mission on Micro Irrigation Scheme is being continued in the XIth Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs.1500.00 crore for 2012-13. State wise allocation of funds for 2012-13 is annexed.