

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LOAN FOR MICRO-IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the banks are showing hesitation in extending loans to farmers for purchase of micro-irrigation equipment like drip and sprinkler;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): Micro Irrigation scheme is being implemented through State Governments and has provision for credit linkage. No specific report on the banks showing hesitation in extending loans to farmers has been made. However, information is being collected from the States.