

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1199
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LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF SMALL IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that banks are not taking interest in providing loans to the farmers for purchasing small irrigation equipment like drip and sprinkler;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the number of farmers of various States including Rajasthan who have availed loans provided by the banks for purchasing small irrigation equipment like drip and sprinkler, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation (MI) is under implementation. Under this scheme, cost of drip/Sprinkler irrigation system is shared in the ratio of 50:10:40 between Central Government, State Government and the farmers/beneficiary in case of small and marginal farmers whereas in the case of general category farmers, the said ratio is 40:10:50. States are free to provide additional financial assistance to lessen the burden of individual beneficiaries. No data is maintained of farmers, who have availed loans from the banks for purchasing these equipments.