

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DRIP IRRIGATION

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched a number of schemes to promote micro and drip irrigation in various States including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the total area expanded and the expenditure incurred during the last five years under the drip irrigation scheme;
- (c) whether the scheme is capable of facing drought like situation in various States including Maharashtra;
- (d) whether the Government has prepared any other special plan/scheme to face drought like situation in many States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated under the drip irrigation scheme during the last three years, till date, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation was launched in January, 2006 in all states, except North Eastern & Himalayan states. In June, 2010, the scheme was up scaled as National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) covering all states in the country. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided for the installation of drip and sprinkler irrigation system for both agriculture and horticulture crops.
- (b): During the last five years total area covered under Micro Irrigation is 30.26 lakh ha and the expenditure incurred is Rs.4377.52 crore.
- (c) & (d): Adoption of Micro Irrigation technology enhances water use efficiency in agriculture, resulting in saving of water to the extent of 30-40%.
- (e): The details of state wise allocation of funds under the NMMI during the last three years and current year is annexed.