GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:747 ANSWERED ON:10.12.2013 DRIP IRRIGATION Aaron Rashid Shri J.M.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a scheme to promote micro and drip irrigation in water stressed and quality affected areas across the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any other special plan/scheme to face drought like situation in many States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated under the drip irrigation scheme during each of the last three years, and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. 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 upscaled 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 an horticulture crops.

(c): NMMI scheme is being implemented during the 12th Plan, in all states, including water stressed and drought prone areas. Further, Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing requisite financial and logistic support in the wake of calamities of severe nature. Additional financial assistance, over and above the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF), is also provided from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for natural calamities of severe nature as per established procedure and extant norms.

(d): The details of state wise allocation of funds under the National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) during the last three years and current year is annexed.