

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DRIP AND SPRINKLER IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the existing technology being used in the Drip and Sprinkler irrigation system is not yielding the desired results;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing methods are not so beneficial for the farmers;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is making any efforts to adopt new technology in drip and sprinkler irrigation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) to (e): Existing technologies of drip and sprinkler irrigation system have helped in achieving high water use efficiency in agriculture, resulting in saving water to the extent of 30-40%. It also results in increase of yield, saving in fertilizer usage and better quality of produce.

Under the ongoing scheme National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI), all types of drip and sprinkler irrigation systems are being promoted, depending on the crop and agro climatic conditions.