

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3339
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MICRO IRRIGATION
Galla Shri Jayadev

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Andhra Pradesh is one of the leading States in the country to cover 5.63 lakh hectares under micro irrigation benefiting more than 5 lakh farmers in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also aware that there is a huge potential of 12.26 lakh hectares to be covered under micro irrigation in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government on the request of State Government of Andhra Pradesh for providing Rs. 500 crores for implementing micro irrigation in the State under National Mission of Sustainable Agriculture?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As per information received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, the coverage of area under Micro Irrigation in Andhra Pradesh is 562897 ha till date. This has benefitted 495660 farmers.
- (c): There is potential area of 1053690 ha available for Micro Irrigation in Andhra Pradesh as on 11.3.2015 as per information furnished by the State Government.
- (d): The Government of India has examined the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and replied that additional allocation will be dully considered within the budget estimates for the scheme.