

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL IRRIGATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is going to mandate its rural irrigation scheme by linking villages through nearest possible source of water to save the farmers from the vagaries of monsoon;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any meeting between his Ministry and Ministry of Water Resources has been held in this regard;
- (d) if so, the detailed roadmap that has been chalked out and the time by which the said scheme is likely to be launched by the Government; and
- (e) the total fund likely to be earmarked in the first phase of the scheme and the number of States likely to be covered under the scheme?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government is committed to giving high priority to water security and is in the process of operationalising the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) with the vision to ensure access to water to every agricultural farm for minimizing the impact of vagaries of monsoon.

(c) to (e): Several meetings involving Ministry of Agriculture (MoA); Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD&GR) and Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) have been held to discuss on the frame work of the programme. Rs.4300 crore has been allocated for 2015-16 across these three ministries in the budget announcement for implementation of PMKSY throughout the country and Rs.1000 crore for Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) in the budget of MoWR, RD& GR.