GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:59 ANSWERED ON:21.07.2015 Subsidy for Micro Irrigation Kaswan Shri Rahul

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the unit cost being provided by the Government as grant to the farmers under the National Micro Irrigation plan at present for the installation of sprinklers, small sprinklers, Drip equipment and other Agro equipments, along with the percentage of grant provided during the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has curtailed the amount of grant, if so, the extent of such curtailment and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the various steps taken by the Government to promote Micro irrigation in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(a): During 2013-14, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation was implemented as National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI), in which the financial assistance was provided @60% of the cost of micro irrigation system to small and marginal farmers and @50% of the cost of micro irrigation system to other farmers.

From 1st April, 2014, NMMI was subsumed in the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) and implemented as "On Farm Water Management" (OFWM). During 2014-15, the financial assistance for Micro Irrigation to farmers has been provided as under:

(i) @ 60% of cost of installation for small and marginal farmers and @ 45% of cost of installation for other farmers in Drought Prone Area Programme/Desert Development Programme/North Eastern & Himalayan States.

(ii) @ 45% of the cost of installation for small and marginal farmers and @ 35% of the cost of installation for other farmers in Non-Drought Prone Area Programme/Desert Development Programme/North Eastern & Himalayan States.

During the financial year 2015-16, funds have been provided for Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Micro Irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY). The financial assistance to farmers shall be provided at the same rate as was provided during 2014-15.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): (i) The scheme is being implemented under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana with emphasis on "Har Khet ko Pani" and "Par Drop More Crop".

(ii) The unit cost norms have been revised and rationalized for various micro irrigation technologies for providing financial assistance under the scheme.
