GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the 65 per cent of the 142 million hectares of cultivable farmland in the country are not covered under irrigation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering plans to absorb all irrigation schemes under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the ratio of funds to be shared between Union Government and State Government in this regard along with the funds allocated by the Government for the said yojana, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide water to every farm in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a) to (c): As per available estimates, net area sown in the country is about 140 million ha. While the country's un-irrigated area has decreased from 83.6 million ha. (2003-04) to 73.8 million ha. (2012-13), during the same period, area under irrigation has increased from 57 million ha. to 66 million ha. due to implementation of various irrigation schemes/programmes. Government of India has approved Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinachai Yojana (PMKSY) in order to achieve convergence of investments in irrigation at the field level with an aim to enhance physical access of water on farm land and at the same time to improve water use efficiency so as to reduce wastage and increase availability of water both in duration and extent.

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(d) & (e): Funds sharing between Central and State Governments is in the ratio of 50:50 basis. During 2015-16, an amount of Rs. 5,300 crore has been allocated, comprising Rs. 1000 crore of Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) and Rs. 1000 crore of PMKSY (Har Khet ko Pani), both under Ministry of Water Resources, RD&GR; Rs. 1500 crore of PMKSY (Watershed Development) to be implemented by Department of Land Resources (DoLR) and Rs. 1800 crore of PMKSY(More crop per drop) of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. Operational Guidelines have been issued to all the State Governments to take up activities as envisaged in the guidelines for providing assured irrigation.
