

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Micro Irrigation Equipment
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed the establishment of a centralized agency which will be responsible for the design, development and testing of micro irrigation systems to protect farmers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has established shops to provide after sales services and spare parts for micro irrigation equipment supplied to farmers, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has mandated that maintenance manuals for micro irrigation equipment be in vernacular languages, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government to promote micro-irrigation in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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- (a): The Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology (CIPET) established under Govt. of India with various centres across the country renders technology support service in the areas of design, tooling, plastic processing, testing and quality assurance in different disciplines of Plastics Engineering & Technology including micro irrigation systems.
- (b): The state nodal agency while implementing the programme for Micro Irrigation Scheme ensures that the registered micro irrigation system manufacturers have adequate network for providing after sales service in their areas of operation.
- (c): The Government has mandated that manufacturers should provide detailed operational & maintenance manuals in vernacular language at the time of installation of system.
- (d): The Micro Irrigation Scheme is implemented through the State Governments and various steps taken by them for promotion of micro irrigation include training and awareness campaign, organization of workshops, seminars and interactive meetings, publicity through exhibitions, fairs, kisan melas, literature, short duration films etc.
