GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2706 ANSWERED ON:02.08.2016 Promotion of Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation Brahmpura Shri Ranjit Singh ;Gopalakrishnan Shri R.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Government schemes which promote drip and sprinkler irrigation system in the country;

(b) whether the Government provides any subsidy to farmers through these schemes encouraging them to install these systems on their farms;

(c) whether there is any special package with the Government for poor and marginal farmers of the country in this regard; and

(d) the number of drip irrigation/sprinkler irrigation systems installed during the last three years in various States including Punjab and Haryana with the assistance of Government schemes which have resulted in saving of precious water?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Drip and sprinkler irrigation systems are being promoted under "Per Drop More Crop" component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) {erstwhile scheme on Micro Irrigation has been subsumed under PMKSY since 1st July, 2015}. Under the scheme, 15% additional assistance is provided to small and marginal farmers for installation of micro irrigation systems compared to other farmers for area covered under Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and North Eastern and Himalayan States and 10% for other areas.

(d): As per available information, during the last three years (2013-14 to 2015-16), 14.3 lakh hectare area have been covered under drip and sprinkler irrigation systems (Drip Irrigation- 9.04 lakh hectare, Sprinkler Irrigation- 5.26 lakh hectare) in the country including Punjab and Haryana.
