

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DRIP IRRIGATION SCHEME

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to promote drip irrigation scheme

(b) if so, the details of the road map to implement the scheme; and

(c) the total funds allocated to various States under the drip irrigation scheme during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Central Government has been providing financial assistance since 2005-06 under National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) including drip irrigation to farmers in all states including Kerala. From 1st April, 2014, NMMI has been subsumed under the National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) and is now implemented as 'On Farm Water Management' (OFWM). Under OFWM, assistance is provided to farmers in all states for installation of micro irrigation systems including drip irrigation for an area up to 5 ha per farmer, at the rate of 35% for small & marginal farmers and 25% for other farmers. As per OFWM guidelines, in addition to the central assistance, 10% assistance is required to be provided by the state governments to the farmers. However, some states are providing enhanced financial assistance to farmers from their own resources.

(c): State-wise allocation of funds under the micro irrigation including drip irrigation during the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure.