

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:138

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MICRO IRRIGATION SCHEME

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a scheme to promote micro irrigation in water stressed and quality affected areas across the country;
- (b) if so, the present status of the National Mission on micro irrigation programme in the country, State-wise, including Maharashtra;
- (c) the details of the area of land covered under the micro irrigation and whether micro irrigation is widely used by farmers as a method of irrigation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the various steps taken by the Government for promotion of micro irrigation in the entire country along with the funds allocated and utilised under the scheme during the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plan period, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 138 DUE FOR REPLY ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2014.

(a) to (e): Central Government has been providing financial assistance since 2005-06 to farmers in all states, including Maharashtra, for installation of micro irrigation systems. From 1st April, 2014, such assistance is being provided under "On Farm Water Management" (OFWM) component of "National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture" (NMSA) for installation of drip and sprinkler irrigation systems, 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. An area of approximately 42.47 lakh ha has been covered under micro irrigation systems upto 2013-14. State-wise details of area covered under micro irrigation are at Annexure-I. State-wise details regarding funds allocated and utilized during Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year plan are at Annexure - II.