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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3851
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH JULY, 2019

SUBSIDY FOR DRIP IRRIGATION

3851. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to give 100 per cent subsidy to all farmers who have adopted drip irrigation for cultivation, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has also any proposal to change the size/dimension of drip irrigation from 4' x 2' to 3' x 2' and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total area of agricultural land under drip irrigation in Tamil Nadu as on date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The Government provides financial assistance @ 55% for small and marginal farmers and @ 45% for other farmers for installation of Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation systems under Per Drop More Crop component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-PDMC). In addition, some States provide additional incentives for encouraging farmers to adopt Micro Irrigation. Further, 25% higher unit cost have been taken into calculation of subsidy for the North Eastern and Himalayan states and 15% higher for States with low penetration of Micro Irrigation for larger adoption of systems by the farmers under the scheme.

The indicative cost of drip irrigation systems for different lateral spacing and plot sizes has been provided in the Operational Guidelines of PMKSY-PDMC. In case of crops with plant spacing other than those mentioned in the Guidelines the amount of assistance is to be calculated on pro rata/average basis of the nearest plant area (Row to row x plant to plant spacing in metres).

The total drip irrigation area covered in Tamil Nadu under Centrally Sponsored Schemes till date is 3.59 lakh hectares.
