

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 9**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021

**POLICY FOR DRIP IRRIGATION**

\*9. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced a new policy for drip irrigation as per a geographical survey all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has sanctioned fund for drip irrigation schemes introduced in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to sanction and release fund for alkaline soil in Maharashtra, especially Sangli district; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(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. 9 DUE FOR REPLY ON 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021.**

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Per Drop More Crop component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-PDMC) from 2015-16 in all the States of the country which focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through Micro Irrigation viz. Drip and Sprinkler irrigation systems. Besides promoting Micro Irrigation, this component also supports micro level water storage or water conservation/management activities to supplement source creation for Micro Irrigation.

An area of 51.54 lakh ha has been covered under Micro Irrigation (Drip irrigation 27.26 lakh ha & Sprinkler Irrigation 24.28 lakh ha) in the country through PMKSY-PDMC from 2015-16 to till date. Further, 4.84 lakh micro level water harvesting / secondary storage structures have been created under the scheme to supplement the micro irrigation.

(c): Under PMKSY- PDMC, Central Assistance of Rs. 1660.4 crores has been released to the State of Maharashtra from 2015-16 till date including Rs. 200.00 crore released during the current financial year.

(d) & (e): The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmer's Welfare is implementing Reclamation of Problem Soils (Alkali/Saline & Acid) as a sub Scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) on Pilot basis since 2016-17 in 15 States including Maharashtra.

Under the scheme, Central Assistance of Rs. 1.32 crore was released to State of Maharashtra during 2018-19 for implementation of a project of sub-surface drainage for reclamation of saline soils in Kolhapur District as per annual action plan approved by State

Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of RKVY. For the current year, Central Assistance of Rs. 1.5 crore has been allocated to State to implement the scheme. Central Assistance could not be released during 2019-20 and 2020-21 as State has not submitted any project proposal through Annual Action Plans for these years and progress & utilisation certificates for earlier released amount.

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