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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1556
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2025

MICRO IRRIGATION IN PUNJAB

1556. SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

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

- (a) the details of loans taken by the different States from the Micro Irrigation Fund (MIF) with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) under 'Per Drop More Crop' to support micro-irrigation in Punjab in the last 5 years;
- (b) the area brought under micro-irrigation through the scheme so far, State-wise;
- (c) the details of project proposals received from and implemented by the Punjab Government for expanding coverage of Micro Irrigation in the State; and
- (d) whether the Government is taking any special steps towards the success of this scheme specifically in Punjab, considering the urgent need to introduce water-effective irrigation techniques, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d): Details of the projects, loans taken and area covered under micro irrigation through Micro Irrigation Fund by States including State of Punjab are given in **Annexure**.

Lower uptake of the scheme has been observed in some States including State of Punjab. Provision has been made in Operational Guidelines of PDMC Scheme for 25% higher unit cost for calculation of subsidy for the North Eastern & Himalayan states and 15% higher for the other low penetration States including Punjab for coverage of more area under the scheme.

Besides, State of Punjab is also providing top-up subsidy through MIF under PDMC with effective subsidy of 90% for SC/ Small & Marginal and Women and 80% to other farmers. Demonstrations of micro-irrigation technologies is also being done by the State at State Govt. farms and fields of progressive farmers.

To keep the borrowing under MIF attractive for the State Governments, Government of India is providing interest subvention @ 2% on the loans extended by to States, which is met from Per Drop More Crop Scheme.

Ministry time to time requests States/UTs to avail loan under MIF to increase adoption of micro irrigation which is an effective water efficient technology.

Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1556 for answer on 29.07.2025

State-wise Project-wise details of Micro-Irrigation Fund (MIF)

(Amount in Rs. Crore) (Area in lakh ha)

Sr. No.	State	Kind of project	Amount of loan sanctioned	Amount of loan disbursed	Area covered under MI*	Status
1	Andhra Pradesh	Top up subsidy	616.13	616.13	1.83	Completed
2	Tamil Nadu	Top up subsidy	1357.93	1357.93	5.14	Completed
3	Haryana	Top up subsidy and Innovative	97.74	95.78	0.413	Ongoing
		Innovative (MI for effluent treated water)	314.3	103.97		Ongoing
		Innovative (MI in Command area of kheri distributary)	252.08	112.066		Ongoing
		Innovative (MI in Canal Command area)	121.18	54.070		Ongoing
		Sub-Total	785.30	365.89	0.413	
4	Gujarat	Top up subsidy	764.13	764.13	6.07	Completed
5	Punjab	Top-up subsidy & Demonstration	149.65	32.13	0.11	Ongoing
6	Uttarakhand	Innovative (Tea plantations)	4.807	0.57	0.0004	Ongoing
7	Rajasthan	Top up subsidy and Innovative (Dark Blocks Coverage and Capacity Building)	740.79	667.45	7.34	Ongoing
8	Karnataka	Top up subsidy	290.33	257.06	2.30	Ongoing
Total			4709.06	4061.31	23.2145	

* The area covered under MI includes the area covered under PDMC through Topup subsidy project of MIF
