

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:366
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DRY LAND FARMING AND MICRO IRRIGATION SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Union Government for promoting `Dry Land Farming`;
- (b) whether some schemes have been launched for facilitating Micro Irrigation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government proposes to make available the benefits of these schemes to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 366 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2005.

(a): The Dry land farming is being promoted through the implementation of the following Schemes:-

- (i) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR)
- (ii) Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone Areas (RVP&FPR)
- (iii) Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP)
- (iv) Desert Development Programme (DDP)

(b) to (d): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture- Supplementation/Complementation of States Efforts through Work Plan to promote various agricultural and horticultural crops, under which promotion of micro irrigation involving drip and sprinkler irrigation is one of the components and financial assistance @ 25 percent of the system cost is being provided to the farmers. Assistance for micro irrigation is also being provided @ 50 percent of the system cost under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes on

(i) `Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in the North Eastern States` (TMNE) including Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttaranchal,` and

(ii) `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize` (ISOPOM).` Besides providing subsidy assistance, the farmers are imparted training and awareness programmes are organized for educating the farmers on the importance of efficient use of water.