

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY FOR DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has sought a subsidy of 50 percent for drip irrigation as a part of its micro irrigation programme; and
(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Government has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation (MI) during 2005-06 under which out of the total cost of the MI system, 40% is borne by the Central Government, 10% by the State Government and the remaining 50% is borne by the beneficiary either through his/her own resources or soft loan from financial institutions.

This assistance is for installation of drip/sprinkler irrigation system limited to an area of 5 ha. per beneficiary family. An amount of Rs.280.48 crore has been released to the States during 2005-06 and Rs.279.40 crore during 2006-07 (upto Oct,06).