

Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture

2972. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government would provide sufficient funds under the Centrally Sponsored Planned (CSP) scheme, 'Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture', as per requirement of State Governments, especially Odisha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme — "Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture" is a demand driven scheme and all States, including Odisha are eligible to avail assistance. A sum of ₹ 200.00 lakh as the first installment, has been released to Government of Odisha during 2012-13 for Development of Freshwater Aquaculture.

Micro irrigation schemes

†2973. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether micro irrigation schemes have been effective in expanding the irrigation facilities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated for micro irrigation schemes during the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) the number of micro irrigation schemes sanctioned during the current Five Year Plan; and
- (e) by when these schemes would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation (MI) was launched in all the States, except North Eastern and Himalayan States, in January, 2006 to popularize the adoption of water saving technology, namely – Drip and Sprinkler irrigation systems. This technology enhances water use efficiency in agriculture, resulting in saving of water to the extent of 30 to 40%.

- (c) Details are given in Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The scheme has been upgraded as National Mission on Micro Irrigation in June, 2010 with enhanced allocation, covering all States in the country. It is being continued in the Twelfth Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs. 1500.00 crore for 2012-13.

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