

Development of drip irrigation in Jharkhand

406. DR. PRADEEPKUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any action plan for development of drip irrigation in Jharkhand if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the present status of drip irrigation in the State; and
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated for the purpose in the present financial year for Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) Sir, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation was launched in January, 2006 in all the States, including Jharkhand. This was up-scaled as National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) in June, 2010. From 1st April, 2014, NMMI has been subsumed under the National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) and is now implemented as “On Farm Water Management” (OFWM). Under this component, assistance is provided for the installation of Micro Irrigation systems, namely, drip and sprinkler irrigation system.

- (b) An area of 20277 ha has been covered under Micro Irrigation in Jharkhand.
- (c) In the current financial year, Rs.30 crores has been allocated under OFWM component to the State.

Campaign against Indian generic drugs

407. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to State:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is recurring campaign against Indian generic drugs in many parts of the world;
- (b) whether it is proposed to initiate global campaign to counter this campaign, and to highlight the quality of generic drugs made in India, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to seek help of certain companies to make our campaign a success; and
- (d) if so, the details and status thereof?