

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is implementing schemes having component for development and conservation of indigenous breeds namely National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development, National Dairy Plan-I, Central Cattle Breeding Farms, Central Herd Registration Scheme and Central Frozen Semen production and Training Institute. With a view to conserve and develop indigenous bovine breeds the Government has provided a further focus on indigenous bovine breeds by way of a new initiative Rashtriya Gokul Mission, under the National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development. Scheme National Kamdhenu Breeding Centre (NKBC) has been initiated for establishment of two NKBC as Centres of Excellence to develop and conserve Indigenous Breeds in a holistic and scientific manner.

#### **Drip irrigation in Maharashtra**

3011. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total sowing area covered with drip irrigation in Maharashtra at present, district-wise;
- (b) whether Government has put in place any action plan to bring more sowing area under drip irrigation in the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) to (c) The area covered under Micro Irrigation including drip irrigation from 2005-06 to 31st March, 2014 in Maharashtra is 711370 ha. The district-wise details of area covered are not maintained centrally.

Central Government has been providing financial assistance since 2005-06 to farmers in all states, including Maharashtra, for installation of micro irrigation systems including drip irrigation. From 1st April, 2014, such assistance is being provided under “On Farm Water Management” (OFWM) component of “National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture” (NMSA) to promote *inter-alia* drip irrigation systems for an area up to 5 ha per farmer. The assistance ranges from 35% to 50% of cost of installation for small and marginal farmers and 25% to 35% of cost of installation for others. In addition to the central assistance, 10% assistance is required to be provided by the state governments to the farmers.