

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF POWER

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.640**  
**ANSWERED ON 25.07.2023**

**FREE POWER TO AGRICULTURE FOR IRRIGATION PUMP SET**

**640 SHRI SANJAY RAUT:**

Will the Minister of **POWER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a long pending demand of farmers for free power to agriculture for irrigation pump sets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that a large part of agriculture land is still not having the facility of canal irrigation; and
- (d) if so, whether Government has plans to provide free electricity to those regions which are not irrigated with canals?

**A N S W E R**

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI R.K. SINGH)

**(a) & (b) :** The State Governments are free to grant any subsidy, to any consumer or class of consumers including farmers. Accordingly, some States provide subsidy to farmers which may be to the extent of part or full tariff as determined by the State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

**(c) & (d) :** As per the “Agriculture Statistics at a Glance – 2022”, out of 64567 thousand hectare of area irrigated by different source of irrigation in the country, 16908 thousand hectare of area is irrigated by canals (**Annexure**). Government of India had launched “Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)” in Financial Year 2015-16 with an aim to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, to improve farm water use efficiency, introduce sustainable water conservation practices etc. Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP) is one of the component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). The scheme of Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) and Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies has now become a part of PMKSY-HKKP. Ministry of Jal Shakti provides Central Assistance (CA) to States for creation and restoration of Irrigation Potential (I.P.) under the SMI and RRR of Water Bodies schemes. The continuation of PMKSY-HKKP for the FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 has been approved with a budget outlay of Rs. 4580 crore and targeted irrigation potential of 4.50 lakh hectare through SMI and RRR of Water Bodies schemes. There is no proposal under consideration with the Central Government for providing free power to farmers for irrigation pump sets as it is under the purview of State Governments.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.640  
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**Area Irrigated by different Source of Irrigation by Size Classes**

(Figures in '000 Hectare)

	<b>SizeClass</b>	<b>Canals</b>	<b>Tanks</b>	<b>Wells</b>	<b>Tubewells</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Marginal</b>	4783	912	2262	7818	1060	16835
<b>2</b>	<b>Small</b>	3562	558	2891	6232	1021	14263
<b>3</b>	<b>Semi-medium</b>	3686	433	3219	6629	1028	14995
<b>4</b>	<b>Medium</b>	3441	259	2728	6001	836	13266
<b>5</b>	<b>Large</b>	1436	86	817	2485	384	5209
<b>6</b>	<b>Total</b>	16908	2248	11917	29165	4329	64567

Source : Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (Agriculture Census 2010-11)

Note: The information on area irrigated by different sources is not collected in the latest Agriculture Census 2015-16. Thus, the above figures are as per Agriculture Census 2010-11

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