

FAQ

MICRO IRRIGATION SCHEME OF GUJARAT STATE

Q.1 What are various types of MIS?

A.1 Types of MIS are (1) Drip,(2) Sprinkler,(3) Raingun,(4)Porous Pipes which are included in the Government Resolution No. PRCH-102005-497-N Dated 09.05.2005 issued by Government of Gujarat.

Q.2 What is the Unit cost for implementation of MIS for different crops? What is the applicable subsidy at present?

A.2 Since the distance for sowing seeds is different for Horticulture Crops & Agri Crop, the unit cost is different for different crop. However, for Drip Irrigation, it ranges approximately, between Rs. 19700 /- to 1,27,700/- per hac.

- At present any farmer for any crop for any area can get subsidy to the tune of 50 % of MIS cost or Rs. 60,000/- per ha. (whichever is less).
- Tribal farmer of tribal area can get additional 25 % subsidy from Tribal Dept, GOG.
- In 57 Notified Dark Zone talukas (As per GOG Norms) of Gujarat, a farmer for any crop for any area can get additional 10% subsidy.

Q.3 What is included in the cost of MIS? Is there any provision of construction of water sump in the MI Scheme?

A.3 Cost of MIS includes cost of components/instruments, installation charges, secondary transportation charges, insurance of MIS cost and beneficiary farmer for 1 year, agronomical services for one year and maintenance of MI System by MIS Suppliers.

Yes, Construction of water sump is included as a part of total cost of MIS and is covered under subsidy.

Q.4 Who is eligible for subsidy ? Is the scheme bankable ?

A.4 All farmers of Gujarat are eligible for subsidy. Yes, the scheme is bankable.

Q.5 Which are the banks giving loans under this scheme?

A.5 All Nationalized banks, Co-operative banks, Regional rural banks would provide loans for this scheme.

Q.6 How the payment will be made to the MIS supplier for loanee farmers?

A.6 Once the application for loan is approved, the subsidy amount will be deposited to the bank in farmer's account after the installation of MIS on the farmer's field. Loan amount will be added in subsidy amount and MIS supplier will get payment approved by GGRC. However, this will be processed only after the satisfactory trial run of system and, third party inspection report and farmer's acceptance received by GGRC.

Q.7 Is there any limitation for crop or area under this scheme?

A.7 Under this scheme, farmer can take the benefit for any crop without any limitation of area. However, the priority will be given to the area under scarcity of water. The scheme is open for entire Gujarat.

Q.8 What are the elements covered under Insurance?

A.8 This covers insurance of MIS against fire (except sugarcane)/theft/burglary/natural calamities as well as farmer himself for accidental death under Personal Accident (PA) Scheme.

Q.9 How careful is GGRC for the quality of MIS at the farmer's field?

A.9 GGRC puts Special efforts for the quality of the work. Material verification and trial run is carried out through inspection by Third Party Inspection Agency. Only after getting satisfactory certificate for both above inspections, payment is made to MIS supplier.

Q.10 In market, cheaper MIS components are available. Does it mean that GGRC approved rate is more?

A.10 Rates negotiated by GGRC for each component of BIS specifications. Over and above this, a special package consists of Insurance, good quality system with quality check on it, one-year agronomical advice, maintenance of the system and warranty/guarantee of MI Components for five years by MI Suppliers is covered under the scheme. The system with such attractive advantage looks expensive but actually it works out most economical.

Q.11 Is farmer having liberty to select the Micro Irrigation System Supplier?

A.11 Yes, farmer is free to select the MI Supplier of his/her choice.

Q.12 Which type of guidance a farmer will get from MIS supplier?

A.12 MIS supplier will train farmer for Crop rotation, use of irrigation water, irrigation schedule, inter cropping, dose of chemical fertilizers, advice about disease and pests control during two training programmes in a each season i.e. four programmes in a year besides training for operating/maintenance of system, so that farmer can run the system without any interruption.

Q.13 What is the achievement of GGRC until now?

A.13 Until 31.03.13, 4.20 Lac farmers have adopted MIS in more than 6.80 Lac hectares land.

- **GGRC is providing Value addition services to the Farmers of Gujarat like Personalized Professional Information to Farmers through mobile phones in Vernacular SMS form by M/s Reuters Market Light.**

- **Uptil now, RML services is extended to more than 79000 farmers. This message will contain:-**
 - 1) Daily weather forecast
 - 2) Daily updates of market prices
 - 3) Crop advisory
 - 4) Local, national & international news.

- **Transparency and integrity of the Software:-**

The transparency and integrity is maintained by processing of Micro Irrigation Applications and subsidy release through dedicated software with highly integrated database & IT Infrastructure.