

Solar Irrigation Pumps provided to 4168 Farmers

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With a view to providing irrigation facility to the farmers in Bundelkhand, cent percent ponds-on-field have been constructed against the target of 5000 ponds-on-field under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna. Besides, construction work has also been completed on 2549 other ponds-on-field and on 835 such ponds in highly critical and critical districts of the state. Thus, 3384 ponds-on-field have been constructed, which is the cent-percent achievement of the target.

As per the information received from the Agriculture Department, installation of solar photo voltaic irrigation pumps are being promoted in those areas of the state, where sources of irrigation are meagre or do not have electricity supply. A target of installing 10,000 solar photo voltaic pumps has been earmarked for 2018-19 and 2019-20. Against this target, 5126 farmers have been selected and verified and 4168 pumps have been supplied and 2898 pumps installed so far. Under the scheme, farmers are being selected on the principle of 'Bring Bank-Draft First, Get Solar Pump First'.

The state government is extending 90 percent subsidy (Rs. 63000) on drip and sprinkler set to small and marginal farmers and 80 percent (Rs. 56000) to general farmers. As many as 3934 sprinkler sets were distributed in 261 over exploited, critical, and semi critical blocks in 48 districts, 1891 sets under Bundelkhand Package and 84 sets under National Food Security Mission in 2018-19. Thus, 5909 sprinkler sets in all have been distributed.

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