



Proposal of about Rs 463 Crore Approved Under 'Rajasthan Micro Irrigation Scheme'

Why In News?

On April 8, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a proposal of about Rs 463 crore under the '**Rajasthan Micro Irrigation Scheme**' for the work of diggi, farm pond and irrigation pipeline etc. **to strengthen the micro irrigation system in the state.**

Key Points

- The target of benefiting 30 thousand farmers has been increased to 50 thousand for the construction of farm ponds in the next two years. A total of Rs 261.75 crore will be spent on this.
- In the scheme, **non-small-marginal farmers belonging to Scheduled Caste-Tribes will also get 10 percent additional subsidy like small-marginal farmers.**
- In order to encourage and provide strength to the farmers, the grant limit for construction of plastic lining farm ponds has also been increased from Rs 90 thousand to Rs 1.20 lakh.
- In the next two years, 40,000 farmers will be given subsidies for a 16,000 km irrigation pipeline. Rs 43.20 crore will be spent on this in the year 2023-24.
- At the same time, Rs 158 crore will be spent on the construction of 5000 coaches in the year 2023-24.
- It is noteworthy that in the budget 2023-24, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had made announcements regarding the availability of irrigation water and strengthening the micro irrigation system.

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