

**Regarding need to convert Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi as umbrella schemes and extend the schemes to other agricultural activities-Laid**

**DR. K. SUDHAKAR (CHIKKBALLAPUR):**Two initiatives that have significantly transformed the lives of farmers are the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi. Since the inception of the PM Fasal Bima Yojana in 2016-17, over 5549.40 lakh farmer applications have been insured, resulting in claims amounting to Rs 150589.10 crore. Similarly, under the PM KISAN scheme, a total of Rs. 2.81 lakh crore has been disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to more than 11 crore beneficiaries (farmers) in various installments. It is now imperative to extend these two schemes to encompass other categories of farmers, such as those involved in dairy, sericulture, aquaculture, and more. Farmers in these sectors experience similar challenges and face significant risks of income loss, akin to traditional agrarian farmers. By transforming these major schemes into umbrella scheme, tailored modifications can be implemented by the relevant departments to cater to silk worm farmers, livestock farmers, pisciculture and others. I urge the Government of India to consider converting these two schemes as umbrella schemes, develop sub-scheme guidelines, and extend these schemes to other agricultural activities such as silk worm farming, livestock farming, fish farming and others as well.