

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1516
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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers benefited so far from National Agricultural Insurance Scheme in each State; and
(b) the steps taken by the Government to popularise the said scheme in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Statement comprising State-wise farmers covered and benefited, during the two crop seasons (Rabi 1999-2000 and Kharif 2000) of implementation of National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is annexed.

(b): To popularize the NAIS, adequate publicity through Central/State Government extension agencies; General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) have been arranged. Some of the publicity measures undertaken are:-

- (i) Distribution of Posters and Handbills printed in vernacular language.
(ii) Participaption in Krishi Melas (GIC put up stall in Agri-Expo and Krishi Expo at Pragati Maidan.)
(iii) Jingles on All India Radio.
(iv) News paper advertisements in vernacular lagueage.
(v) Organisation of workshops and district/block level awareness cum training programmes.

Annexure

Sl.No.	States/UTs	Rabi 1999-2000 Farmers Covered	NA	Kharif 2000 Farmers Benefited	Farmers Covered	Farmers Benefited
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1. Andhra Pradesh NP NA 1585758 ++

2. Assam 1401 34 1000 ++

3. Bihar NP NA 166356 ++

4. Goa 79 33 953 ++

5. Gujarat 14832 7915 1113435 ++

6. Himachal Prad 217 2 266 ++

7 Karnataka NP NA 313340 ++

8. Kerala 22786 2753 15573 ++

9. Madhya Pradesh	186910	4891	1531590	++
10. Maharashtra	114796+	12391	2025563	++
11. Meghalaya NP	NA	675		++
12. Orissa	232836+	15	627465	++
13. Pondicherry	336	172	373	++
14. Tamil Nadu NP	NA	16071		++
15. Uttar Pradesh NP	NA	469430		++
16. A & N Islands NP	NA	193		++
Total	574193+	28206	7868041	++

+ Total coverage of 574193 includes 86972 farmers who were covered for sugarcane for which the yield data will be received during later part of 2001 and to the extent the figure of farmers benefited shall go up depending upon extent of claims payable.

++ Figures of farmers benefited will be known after settlement of claims by the Implementing Agency based on the yield data furnished by the State/UT Governments.