

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PILOT SCHEME FOR SEED  
RAGHUNATH JHA

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Bihar has not been included in the pilot scheme for Seed Crop Insurance;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to include Bihar in the Scheme;
- (c) the other States that have not been included in the pilot schemes for Seed Crop Insurance; and
- (d) the funds that have been released to the General Insurance Corporation in the States and in Bihar?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)to(c) In the first year the Seed Crop Insurance Scheme has been implemented on pilot basis in the selected states, namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, M.P., Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan and U.P. In subsequent years, the coverage of scheme would be extended to other States.

(d) An amount of Rs.86.5 lakh was released to the General Insurance Corporation of India and the State Governments during 1999-2000 for publicity, training and administrative expenses. Since Bihar has not initially been covered under the scheme, no funds were released to the State.