

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to include horticulture produce and fruits under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS);
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the amount allocated by the Government for implementation of the NAIS for the year 2000-2001, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) envisages coverage of cereals, millets, pulses, oilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops. It does not cover perennial horticultural/fruit crops for the time being because of their longer life span, as compared to the annual crops. However, insurance policies covering perennial crops like apple and other horticultural/plantation crops are available with subsidiary companies of the General Insurance Corporation of India.

(c): An amount of Rs.100.00 crore has been earmarked for implementation of NAIS during 2000-2001. Under the scheme funds are released to the Implementing Agency and as such, no State-wise allocation has been made.