

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF NAIS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has examined the recommendations of Joint Group constituted to study the improvement required in the existing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) and to include more crops in NAIS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be implemented;
- (c) whether the Government has made any study regarding the benefits of NAIS or review of said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to reimburse in case of personal loss or accidents of farmers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (f): Yes, Sir. The Government of India constituted a Joint Group to study the improvements required in the existing Crop Insurance Schemes. The Joint Group has submitted its report and has given number of recommendations which inter-alia include reducing the Unit Area of insurance; improving the basis of calculation of threshold yield; higher level of indemnity; coverage of pre-sowing risk; post harvest losses and perennial horticultural crops for making improvement in the existing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS). Besides, personal accident insurance cover was also recommended by the Group. Based on these recommendations the process of reviewing NAIS has already been initiated.