

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE SCHEME  
Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken final decision on the recommendations of the Joint Group constituted to study the improvement required in the existing scheme and to include more crops in the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the recommendations that have been accepted; and
- (c) the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): After the report of the Joint Group was submitted, it was circulated among the States/UTs and other concerned for their comments/views. The Joint Group in its report has given a number of recommendations which interalia include reducing the unit area of insurance to gram panchayat for major crops, improving the basis of calculation of threshold yield, higher indemnity level, coverage of pre-sowing risk, post-harvest losses and coverage of perennial crops. Most of the States/UTs have agreed to the suggestions given by the Joint Group. Based on the recommendations of the Joint Group, a proposal for review of NAIS is under active consideration of the Government.