

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1495  
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CROP INSURANCE SCHEME  
Sarvey Shri Sathyanarayana

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch weather based crop insurance scheme on a pilot basis; and
- (b) if so, the details and objectives thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) with the intention of compensating the farmers against the likelihood of financial loss due to adverse weather conditions, is already implemented in selected areas/crops in Karnataka in Kharif 2007. In Rabi 2007-08, the pilot scheme is implemented in selected areas/crops in Rajasthan, Bihar, Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. It has also been decided to implement Pilot WBCIS in Kharif 2008.