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

- (a) the crops presently covered under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to include certain other perennial crops under the scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), at present, covers all food crops (cereals, millets, pulses), oilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops.

Perennial horticultural crops are not yet covered under the scheme due to their peculiar nature and non-availability of past yield data. However, the Joint Group constituted by this Department to study the improvements required in the existing crop insurance schemes, have inter-alia recommended for providing insurance coverage to perennial horticultural and vegetable crops as a separate scheme. Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC) which is the implementing agency have designed and is implementing some crop specific insurance schemes like Coffee Insurance, Mango Insurance, Rubber Insurance, Coconut Insurance, Apple Insurance etc.