

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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CROP INSURANCE SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement a Crop Insurance Scheme for all Cash Crops and Spices;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme envisaged and the crops proposed to be covered;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to bear a part/whole of the premium for such insurance cover;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the proposed scheme is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)to (e): Weather (Rainfall) Insurance Scheme as a risk management support for coffee growers has been implemented since 2007-08. The scheme covers small coffee growers having plantations only up to a size of 10 hectares. Maximum sum insured per hectare for Robusta and Arabica is at Rs.20,000/- and Rs.30,000/- respectively. The premium is shared on 50:50 basis between the growers and the Government. Crop Insurance Scheme for the growers of tea, rubber, tobacco and spices (chillies, cardamom, ginger, pepper and turmeric) is under consideration of the Government.