

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WEATHER BASED CROP INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced the Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) on the line of developed countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria and objective of the scheme; and
- (c) the details of area and crops covered under such scheme, area and crop-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam. Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) has been implemented on pilot basis from Kharif 2007. In developed countries, conventional insurance is preferred as farm size is large. Weather insurance is mostly implemented in Asia, Africa and Latin America where land holding is small and farm level data is not available. WBCIS has been tailor made to suit the conditions which are particular to our country.

(b): WBCIS is intended to provide insurance protection to the farmers against adverse weather incidences such as deficit & excess rainfall, low & high temperature, relative humidity wind speed etc. The scheme also provides an option to the non-loanee farmers in notified areas to choose either yield base crop insurance under NAIS or WBCIS.

(c): The details of area and crops covered under the scheme is annexed.