

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6335  
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AUTOMATIC WEATHER MACHINE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has made provision to install automatic weather machine in the notified areas under the season based crop insurance scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**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) & (b): A Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (Season based) was notified by Government of India for implementation from Kharif 2007. Since then, scheme is implemented by the States where automatic weather stations in notified areas are installed by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)/Government/Agriculture Universities/ private organizations. Taking into account the existing Automatic Weather stations/Automatic Rain-Gauge Stations (automatic weather machines) at the respective notified crop areas, 13 States in Kharif 2009 and 11 States in Rabi 2009-10 implemented the scheme.