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RAINFALL INSURANCE SCHEME BY COFFEE BOARD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rainfall insurance scheme introduced by the Coffee Board;
- (b) the details regarding number of farmers benefited from this scheme so far;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the amount of compensation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): The Coffee Rainfall Insurance Scheme offers protection against the weather risk. The Scheme is designed by Agriculture Insurance Company (AIC) of India Ltd, with the support of Coffee Board to cover the risk associated with Rainfall which provides for payouts against deficit rainfall in blossom / backing showers and excess rainfall during the monsoon period. Under the scheme, which became operational from the monsoon trigger of 2007, Government is extending 50% subsidy on its premium for small growers (holding of up to 10 ha) subject to a ceiling of Rs.2,500/ha for Arabica and Rs. 2,000/ha for Robusta. However the large growers can also participate by paying full premium. Based on the experience gained during its implementation, keeping in view the changes in weather pattern in recent years and other technical parameters, the structure of the scheme has been modified in consultation with Grower Associations, Grower Members of the Coffee Board and AIC representatives from time to time, to make it workable and useful to the beneficiaries. During the year 2010-11, the scheme is further expanded to cover the loses occurring due to un-seasonal rains after the monsoon period, during the harvesting period between November to February with a graded pay back depending on the intensity of un-seasonal rains.

(b): Since inception of the Scheme, 32891 farmers have participated in the Scheme. 16,328 farmers have been benefited from the Scheme with a payout of Rs 1487.85 lacs.

(c) &(d): There is no proposal to enhance the amount of compensation to the growers under the scheme