

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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BENEFICIARIES UNDER NAIS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether farmers whose crops are not insured under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) have shown an interest to enter into the scheme for getting their crops insured;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme, claims made and settled during the current year;
- (d) whether several States and farming communities have requested for certain modifications in the NAIS to include calculation of average yield; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**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) to (c): Yes, Madam. The National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) envisages coverage of food crops, oil seeds, pulses and annual commercial horticultural crops in respect of which

- (i) the past yield data based on Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) is available for adequate number of years and
- (ii) requisite number of CCEs are conducted for estimating the yield during the proposed season. The scheme is voluntary for the States and UTs and is compulsory for farmers availing agricultural loans from rural financial institutions like commercial banks, Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) and voluntary for non-loanee farmers in notified areas and crops.

The participation of farmers has increased gradually from 105 lakh farmers during the year 2000-01 to 239 lakh farmers during the year 2009-10 under NAIS.

Data in respect of coverage under the scheme is compiled by the implementing agency after completions of the crop season. The admissible claims and farmers benefited under the scheme are calculated/settled after receipt of yield data from the concerned State Govt. The cut off date for receipt of yield data for Kharif 2010 is January/March, 2011.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. During the course of implementation of the scheme, States/UTs have reported various suggestions, including methodology for calculation of average yield/guaranteed yield.

The proposal on Modified NAIS incorporating the improvements suggested by the Joint Group and views/comments of the various stake-holders has been approved for implementation on pilot basis in 50 districts from Rabi 2010-11 season.