

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1300  
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CROP INSURANCE DUE TO SEED FAILURE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to cover the loss of crops due to seed failure under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**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): No, Madam. National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) provides comprehensive risk insurance to cover yield losses due to non-preventable risks viz. natural fire and lightening; Storm, Hailstorm, Cyclone, Typhoon, Tempest, Hurricane, Tornado etc. Flood, Inundation and Landslide, Drought, Dry Spells; Pests/ Diseases etc. and the cover is available from sowing till harvesting of crops. Losses arising out of war and nuclear risks, malicious damage and other preventable risk are excluded. As loss due to seed failure is preventable in nature therefore, it is not covered under NAIS.