

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) for the benefit of farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the amount released for the last three years. State-wise, year-wise and category-wise;
- (c) whether the Government had constituted a Joint Group on Crop Insurance;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the recommendations made by the group; and
- (e) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is being implemented in the country since Rabi 1999-2000 for the benefit of farmers.
- (b): Rs.718.88 crore, Rs.694.00 crore and Rs.1419.00 crore were released during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10, respectively, against committed liabilities of Govt. of India under NAIS. The Scheme is demand driven and therefore, state-wise allocation is not made. However, state-wise details of business statistics of NAIS since its inception is annexed.
- (c) & (d): To overcome the limitations noticed during implementation of NAIS and make it more farmer friendly, a Joint Group was constituted by the Government of India. The Group made in-depth study of crop insurance schemes and made important recommendations like reduction in unit area of insurance to Gram Panchayat for major crops, more precise calculation of Threshold Yield, higher indemnity levels, coverage of pre-sowing/planting risk and post harvest losses etc.
- (e): 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.