

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the insurance scheme being implemented in agriculture sector to the farmers producing cash crop like tea, coffee, tobacco etc.;and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing four insurance schemes i.e. National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Pilot Modified NAIS, Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) and Pilot Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS). Under NAIS, Modified NAIS and WBCIS, food, oilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops are covered. However, perennial horticultural /Plantation crops can be covered under Pilot WBCIS by insurance companies in consultation with respective State Governments. Besides, Department of Commerce is already implementing Weather (Rainfall) Insurance as a Risk Management Support for Coffee Growers and have formulated a proposal on crop insurance scheme for tea, rubber, tobacco and some spices.