

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CROP INSURANCE SCHEME

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any proposal to extend the insurance scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture upto the Ministry of Commerce and Industry so as to provide protection to the farmers engaged in production of cash crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide crop insurance to farmers dealing in commercial crops like tea, coffee, rubber, tobacco and spices;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the State Governments have been asked to share the insurance premium for farmers benefiting from the scheme; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the State Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing four insurance schemes i.e. National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Pilot Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS), Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) and Pilot Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS). Some cash crops like cotton, sugarcane, jute, coconut are already provided insurance under the schemes of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

In addition, Department of Commerce is already implementing Weather (Rainfall) Insurance as a Risk Management Support for Coffee Growers and has also formulated a proposal on crop insurance scheme for some cash crops like tea, rubber, tobacco and some spices which is under finalization.

(e) & (f): All the above schemes of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation were formulated and finalized in consultation with the State Governments. Presently, subsidy in premium @ 10% to small and marginal farmers under ongoing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), subsidy ranging from 25% to 50% to all farmers under Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) and subsidy in premium ranging up to 75% to all farmers is under Modified NAIS is being provided. Subsidy is shared on 50:50 basis by Central and State Governments. Besides, Pilot Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) has also been implemented from 2009-10 under which Government subsidy up to 75% in premium is available to farmers.