GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1297 ANSWERED ON:29.11.2011 CROP INSURANCE SCHEMES Nagar Shri Surendra Singh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to enhance the funds being provided to the farmers under the crop insurance schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): At present, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing four crop insurance schemes i.e. National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Pilot Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS), Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) and Pilot Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) in the country. All schemes are demand driven and there is no ceiling on funds by the Government for payment of the claims under these schemes. Requirement of funds depends on crop yield, weather conditions and level of penetration of the schemes.