

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include natural losses caused to various crops by fog, heat wave, hail storms in order to provide compensation to the farmers under the Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to make the MNAIS more comprehensive by including weather insurance for agricultural crop loss for the farmers; and
- (d) 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): MNAIS is a comprehensive insurance scheme for providing financial compensation for shortfall in normal yield of the crops caused by any natural reasons including fog, heat-wave and hailstorm. Yield is estimated through scientific method of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs).
- (c) & (d): There is a provision under MNAIS to make an advance payment of 25% of likely claims as an immediate relief to farmers considering the adverse weather conditions. A provision has also been kept to pay 25% of sum insured for prevented sowing/planting risk due to adverse weather conditions.