

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WEATHER BASED CROPS INSURANCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has established weather based equipments in Churu district of Rajasthan under the Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) whether it is true that the benefits of crop insurance is not reaching the farmers of these areas due to various reasons including wrong data provided by some of these faulty weather equipment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken by the Government to give benefits to the farmers affected due to faulty equipment?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) does not have provision to provide funds for investment to establish infrastructure of weather based equipments (stations). Weather Stations established by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and third party (private agencies) are being utilized for implementation of WBCIS. In Churu district adequate number of 17 weather stations have been established which consists of 16 weather stations of third party and 1 station of IMD. Location details are at Annexure.

(c) & (d): The Scheme provides for the implementing States to notify the Reference Weather Station (RWS) for each notified Reference Unit Area (RUA). There is also a provision under the scheme to designate backup weather station for each RUA in case the notified RWS is unable to provide required data due to any reason during risk period which takes care of availability of data for the benefit of the farmers.