

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers benefitted under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the coconut farmers are also included under the scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has conducted any study on the grievances of the coconut farmers; and
- (e) if so, the schemes implemented/ proposed to be implemented for the benefit of the coconut farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a): State-wise details of farmers benefitted under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme during the last three years are annexed.
- (b) & (c): Coconut being a perennial crop is not covered under National Agricultural Insurance - Scheme (NAIS) However, a Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) is being implemented on pilot basis from 2009-10 in major coconut growing States. As per the scheme, individual farmer growing atleast 10 healthy nut bearing plants in age range of 4-60 years in contiguous area/plot is eligible for insurance coverage for total loss/death/becoming useless of the plant. The premium ranges from Rs. 3.50 to Rs. 5.75 per palm. Total 75% subsidy in premium is provided by the Government (Centre 50% and State 25%).
- (d) & (e): As provided in the scheme, an evaluation study of the pilot CPIS has recently been conducted by the International Centre for Economic Policy and Analysis (ICEPA), Cochin University of Science & Technology.