GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1167 ANSWERED ON:05.03.2013 CROP INSURANCE SCHEME Nagar Shri Surendra Singh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to increase the amount provided to farmers under the Crop Insurance Schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Government is committed to provide effective risk coverage to the farmers for their crops against various perils and is implementing four schemes viz. National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Modified NAIS (MNAIS), Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) & Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) for this purpose. The schemes are reviewed from time to time to ensure their full benefits to the farmers.

Government of India's financial liability under crop insurance schemes over the years has increased considerably. Total funds of Rs. 811.49 crore, Rs. 2626.84 crore and 7311.35 crore have been provided during IX, X and XI Five Year Plan periods respectively. During first year of the XII Plan, year 2012-13, Rs. 1551 crore have already been provided under these schemes.