

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INSURANCE SCHEME FOR COFFEE PLANTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced the Rainfall Insurance for Coffee Growers (RISC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of growers covered under the scheme during the last one year;
- (c) the outcome of the scheme including the amount disbursed by the Government under the said scheme;
- (d) whether the scheme has been successful in ameliorating the condition of the coffee growers; and
- (e) if not, the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b) :Yes, Madam. The Rainfall Insurance Scheme was implemented during the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012), and has also been approved for the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-2017). Under the Scheme during the XI Plan, during the year 2011-12, 5684 growers were covered under the Scheme.

(c) & (d):The implementation of the scheme has shown that it is an effective risk management tool to the coffee growers against the vagaries of weather pattern especially nature of rainfall distribution over last five years as the payouts (about Rs. 16 crores) are high compared to the total premiums (Rs. 9.6 crores) collected by the Agriculture Insurance Company (AIC) of India Ltd. The premium subsidy amount disbursed by the Government during the XI plan period was about Rs. 4.77 crores.

(e) : Need does not arise.