

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WEATHER BASED CROP INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of the weather based crop insurance scheme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend the benefit of the scheme to more farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of farmers benefited under the scheme and the amount of assistance provided by the Government during the last three years and the current year, Statewise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) which is under implementation from Kharif 2007 has been reviewed through an evaluation study conducted by the Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC) in 2010. The study has come out with various suggestions & recommendations for further improvements in the scheme aiming to compensate crop losses of the farmers more realistically. A proposal has been prepared to further strengthen the scheme on the basis of inter-aila, these recommendations.

(c) & (d): WBCIS was initially approved to implement in 3 States from Kharif 2007 and extended in more States from time to time. It was approved to implement in 20 States from Rabi 2008-09. State erf Jammu & Kashmir has also been allowed from Rabi 2010-11. The proposal for a Central Sector Scheme of Integrated Scheme for Farmer's Income Security proposes to implement it as a full fledged scheme throughout the country from Kharif 2013.

Details of farmers benefited and government assistance (premium subsidy) provided are at annexure.