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CROP INSURANCE FOR SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any pilot scheme on crop insurance for seeds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said scheme; and
- (c) the names of States in which this scheme has been launched?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A pilot scheme on seed crop insurance was launched in Rabi 1999- 2000 in 10 states namely, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to provide financial security and income stability, to stimulate participation of new growers to undertake seed production programme of newly released hybrid/ improved varieties and to give a boost to the modern seed industry on scientific principle. Salient features of the scheme are to cover the risk involved in seed production at field stage and loss in expected raw seed yield & seed crop after harvest.

An Evaluation Study was undertaken by Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC) for assessing the impact of the pilot. The scheme was discontinued based on the conclusion drawn by the study for not achieving the intended objectives after 3 seasons of its operation