GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:289 ANSWERED ON:06.08.2013 CROP INSURANCE SCHEMES Dhurve Jyoti

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the crops included under the insurance schemes for farmers in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Jharkhand;
- (b) the total area in hectares of various crops included under the insurance schemes and the instalment of amount given during the last three years;
- (c) the details of the amount disbursed as crop insurance claims as compared to the instalment given during the said period, cropwise and State-wise including Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Jharkhand;
- (d) whether the Government has received any complaints from the farmers regarding non-payment of insurance claims;
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (f) the steps taken to increase the crop coverage and to extend the nature of insurance coverage in various States?

Answer

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

- (a): Details of crops included for providing insurance during Kharif and Rabi seasons are at Annexure-I-A and I-B.
- (b) & (c): Details are at Annexure-II-A to II-C.
- (d) & (e): Some complaints about non-payment/ delayed payment of claims, under payment of claims etc. on account of incorrect/delayed submission of insurance proposals by banks; unrealistic assessment of crop loss due to large unit area of insurance etc. are received from time to time. As far as possible, all the complaints are suitably addressed by the Insurer, the Department and also by the Committee set up under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).
- (f): To improve the coverage of area and better terms to the farmers, a Pilot Modified NAIS has been approved by Government of India for implementation in 50 districts from Rabi 2010-11.

Besides, continued efforts are made to create awareness about ongoing Crop Insurance Schemes by the implementing agencies in coordination with implementing States. The salient activities for campaigning involve the publicity of features & benefits of the scheme through advertisements in leading National/local News Papers, telecast through audio-visual media, distribution of pamphlets, participation in agriculture fairs / mela / gosti and organization of workshops / trainings etc.

As it is evident from Annexure-III, crop insurance coverage in terms of farmers insured and area insured is increasing year after year.