

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CROP INCOME INSURANCE SCHEME

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the existing Crop Insurance Schemes run by the Government;
- (b) whether the Government has launched or proposes to launch a New National Crop Income Insurance Scheme (NCIS) and allow the States to bring their own farm based crop insurance schemes under the proposed scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its present status;
- (d) the details of the crops which are covered/likely to be covered under the New Crop Income Insurance Scheme and the number of the farmers likely to be benefited thereunder, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the funds allocated/ being allocated for the implementation of scheme, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a): At present, National Crop Insurance Programme (NCIP) with three component schemes viz. Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS), Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) and Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) are under implementation in the country from Rabi 2013-14. However, on the representation of some States, NAIS was allowed to these States for Rabi 2013-14. Again, on the basis of demand from various States, NAIS has been allowed for implementation in the country at the option of States during 2014-15.

(b) to (e): Yes, Madam. With a view to better serve the interest of farmers, Government is desirous to develop a new crop insurance scheme to protect them against both yield and price fluctuations. At present, Government is in the process of finalization of details in consultation with various stakeholders.