



etc. for early settlement of claims have also been introduced. Salient features of the scheme are annexed.

Premium rates payable by farmers, selection of insurance company & administrative and operational structure of Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) have also been rationalized and made at par with PMFBY.

The scheme is available to all farmers including loanee, non-loanee, tenant, share-croppers. The scheme would be implemented on actuarial basis but the expenses over and above the premium paid by farmers should be shared by the Central and State Government on 50 : 50 basis. The scheme envisages increasing coverage from present 23% to 50% of the gross cropped area of the country in next 2-3 years. Government is undertaking a comprehensive publicity and awareness programme to educate the farmers about the benefit of crop insurance schemes. Capacity building and training programmes for other stakeholders are also being organized.