

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW INSURANCE SCHEME FOR FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to launch a new insurance scheme for farmers to protect them from market risks which adversely affect the farmers capacity to invest in advanced crop varieties;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the new insurance scheme; and
- (c) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

THE FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) was started w.e.f. 1999 with a view to provide insurance coverage and financial support to the farmers in the event of failure of any of the notified crops as a result of non-preventable natural calamities, pests & diseases, adverse weather conditions and to stabilize farm income particularly in disaster years. Recently, Government of India has approved National Crop Insurance Programme (NCIP) which comprises Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS), Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) and Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) from Rabi 2013-14 season. NAIS was replaced by Modified NAIS. However, on the representations from States, NAIS has also been continued during 2013-14 & 2014-15. Government is also implementing Price Support System (PSS) on Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Market Intervention Schemes to protect the farmers against market price risks.