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AGRICULTURE INCOME INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the current status of Agriculture Income Insurance Scheme and Social Security Scheme announced by the Govt. recently for the betterment of farmers;
- (b) the details of the amount likely to be released to the farmers under each of these schemes, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes has introduce to such schemes in Idukki and Ernakulum region of Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): With a view to provide insurance coverage & 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, Government of India introduced Crop Insurance Scheme since 1985. Recently, Government of India has introduced National Crop Insurance Programme (NCIP) which comprises of Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS), Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) and Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) from Rabi 2013-14 season.

Government also experimented Farmers Income Insurance Scheme (FIIS) during Kharif & Rabi of 2003-04 on pilot basis in total 22 districts of 14 States.

Further, improvement in existing Crop Insurance Schemes is a continuing process to ensure that farmers get adequate insurance coverage to compensate them reasonably well in case of adverse situations leading to loss in crops & income.

Besides, Government is also implementing various social security schemes namely, Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana, Janashree Bima Yojana, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), Swalamban Yojana, Personal Accident Insurance of account holders under Prime Minister's Jan-Dhan Yojana etc.

(b): Insurance Scheme are demand-driven and no state-wise allocation of fund is made. Out of the budget provision of Rs.2823 crore under Crop Insurance Schemes (i.e. NAIS , MNAIS, WBCIS & CPIS) during current financial year, Rs.2354.12 crore have already been released/ utilized.

(c) & (d): The aforesaid crop insurance scheme have been approved for implementation in all States/UTs. However, it depends upon States/UTs to implement MNAIS, NAIS or WBCIS. The crop insurance schemes are being implemented in Idukki & Ernakulam region of Kerala.