

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
POPULARITY OF NAIS IN FARMING COMMUNITY .

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Will the Minister of COAL AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is gradually penetrating into the farming community and apart from farmers who have taken loans the farmers who have not taken loans are also evincing interest to insure their crops;
- (b) if so, the number of farmers who have taken loans and who have not taken loans covered under NAIS in the country, State-wise, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that many States and farming community is requesting modification with regard to calculating average yield; and
- (d) if so, the details of requests received and the action taken by his Ministry in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION)

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a):Yes, Sir.

(b):A statement indicating State-wise coverage of loanee and non-loanee farmers, including Andhra Pradesh, under NAIS, during last three years is annexed.

(c)&(d):Yes, Sir. During the course of implementation of the scheme implementing States/UTs have given various suggestions, including modification in calculation of Threshold yield or guaranteed yield which is moving average of last 3 or 5 years average yield, under the scheme.

Keeping in view the suggestions of States/UTs and other stake-holders, a Joint Group was constituted by the Government, to study the improvements required in the existing crop insurance schemes. The Group has reviewed the scheme and made important recommendations including modification in calculation of Threshold Yield/guaranteed yield. Based on these recommendations a proposal on Modified NAIS has been prepared.