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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2265
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17/12/2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF CROP INSURANCE SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of crop insurance schemes being implemented by Government and the number of beneficiaries of the schemes, State-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government to attract more farmers to these schemes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) : Government is mainly implementing Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) a yield index based crop insurance scheme in the country since 2016-17. Besides, PMFBY, Government is also implementing weather index based Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) to indemnify the insured farmers against the likely crop losses due to adverse weather conditions. State-wise details of number of farmer applications who got benefit of premium subsidy from 2016-17 to 2020-21 under PMFBY and RWBCIS combined are **Annexed**.

Coconut Development Board (CDB) is also administering a Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) in coconut growing States. State-wise details of number of farmer applications enrolled from 2016-7 to 2020-21 under CPIS are as under :

Name of State	No. of Farmer Applications Enrolled				
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Andhra Pradesh	316	372	-	-	-
Kerala	403	117	-	-	-
Maharashtra	-	25	114	-	-
Odisha	-	112	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	306	986	27	342	250
Total	1025	1612	141	90	250

(b) : Government has taken several steps to create substantial awareness about the scheme amongst beneficiaries so that they can enroll themselves voluntarily under the scheme. The Government has made provision to ensure availability of adequate funds for awareness of PMFBY. The revised Operational Guidelines for PMFBY which came into effect from 1st October 2018 have inter-alia provided that the insurance companies should compulsorily

spend atleast 0.5% of the total gross premium collected by them for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities.

The Government has actively supported the awareness activities being carried out by the States, implementing Insurance Companies, financial institutions, and CSC network to disseminate key features of PMFBY amongst farmers and members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). All the grass root level organisations responsible to implement PMFBY are actively involved in building capacity of farmers to take informed decisions. Since, the Revamped PMFBY is being implemented from Kharif 2020, and has been made voluntary for all the farmers, the behavioural change communication activities are being conducted through various media tools viz Print, electronic, Digital and Social Media etc. Mobile IEC vehicles also being used to motivate farmers during enrolment campaign at grass root level.

Apart from this, other activities for awareness generations involve the publicity of key features and benefits of the scheme through advertisements in leading National and local newspapers, airing of audio-visual spots on regional / local channels, distribution of IEC material in local languages, dissemination of SMS through Kisan / NCIP portal and organisation of online workshops of all stakeholders including farmers, Panchayat Members, and other key stakeholders.

Further, a structured awareness campaign 'Crop Insurance Week/Fasal Bima Saptah' was initiated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare since Kharif 2021 under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an initiative to celebrate 75 years of India's independence, in all the PMFBY notified districts with special emphasis on aspirational/tribal districts. The core focus of the campaign is to increase the awareness and benefits of the scheme, sensitize the stakeholders and to increase overall enrolment of farmers, thereby helping them to reap the benefits of crop insurance with special focus on identified aspirational/tribal districts. The next crop insurance week has been celebrated during Rabi 2021-22 with a view to create awareness amongst all stakeholders while targeting floating population of farmers at weekly bazar, rural haats, APMC Mandis, Rural fairs / Festivals including Block and Gram Panchayats etc. from 1st December to 7th December, 2021.

Annexure

State Wise details of farmer applications who got benefit of premium subsidy from 2016-17 to 2021-22 under PMFBY & RWBCIS as on 03.12.2021					
State/UT Name	Total Farmers Applications Insured (Lakh)				
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
A & N Islands	0.003	0.004	0.01	0.001	0.003
Andhra Pradesh	17.8	18.3	24.4	27.9	*
Assam	0.6	0.6	0.7	10.1	16.6
Bihar	27.1	23.0	*		
Chhattisgarh	15.5	14.7	15.7	40.2	51.6
Goa	0.01	0.01	0.003	0.01	0.001
Gujarat	19.8	17.6	21.7	24.8	*
Haryana	13.4	13.4	14.8	17.1	16.5
Himachal Pradesh	3.8	3.8	2.7	2.8	2.4
Jammu & Kashmir	*	1.6	1.5	*	*
Jharkhand	8.8	12.0	12.9	10.9	*
Karnataka	29.5	20.9	28.8	16.7	18.0
Kerala	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8
Madhya Pradesh	74.6	70.3	74.4	82.3	82.6
Maharashtra	118.8	102.7	148.3	145.7	124.0
Manipur	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.03	*
Meghalaya	0.001	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.001
Odisha	18.2	18.9	21.0	48.8	97.5
Puducherry	0.1	*	0.003	0.1	0.1
Rajasthan	93.6	91.1	71.8	85.3	107.6
Sikkim	0.01	0.01	0.002	0.0002	0.001
Tamil Nadu	14.6	15.1	25.4	38.9	59.8
Telangana	9.7	11.0	8.0	10.3	*
Tripura	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.4	2.6
Uttar Pradesh	72.9	54.2	61.4	46.4	41.9
Uttarakhand	2.6	2.2	1.9	2.1	1.7
West Bengal	41.3	40.4	51.4	*	*
GRAND TOTAL	583.7	532.6	587.5	611.3	623.5

* Not Implemented
