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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2579**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11/08/2023

**STATUS OF PMFBY**

2579. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during the last three years along with its achievements during the last five years;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to create awareness among farmers about the provisions of crop insurance and to avail crop insurance;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Puducherry; and
- (d) the total amount claimed by farmers during the last three years under PMFBY, Statewise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) : Year-wise details of number of farmer applications insured under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during last three years are given below :

Year	No. farmer Applications Insured (in lakh)
2020-21	623.1
2021-22	831.0
2022-23	1080.8

Since inception of the scheme in 2016-17 till 2022-23 (as on 30.06.2023), 4846 lakh farmer applications have been enrolled over an area of about 3497 lakh hectare insuring a sum of Rs. 14,45,978 crore. Against premium of Rs. 29,123 crore paid by farmers, claims of Rs. 1,40,599 crore have been paid to about 1457 lakh farmer applications.

The Government has taken several steps to create substantial awareness about the scheme amongst beneficiaries so that they can enroll themselves voluntarily in all the implementing States/UTs including Puducherry under the scheme to increase the coverage in terms of different crops and areas. The Government has made provisions to ensure availability

of adequate funds for awareness of PMFBY. The revised Operational Guidelines for PMFBY which came into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Common Service Centres (CSCs) network to disseminate key features of PMFBY amongst farmers and members of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).

Further, a structured awareness campaign ‘Crop Insurance Week/Fasal Bima Saptah’ has been initiated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare since Kharif 2021 season onwards. The core focus of the campaign is to increase the awareness about 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.

Along with this, ‘Fasal Bima Pathshalas’ are also being organized at village/GP level for knowledge building of farmers on various aspects of scheme implementation.

Apart from this, other activities for awareness generation 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 / National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP) portal and organisation of online workshops of all stakeholders including farmers, Panchayat Members, and other key stakeholders.

Government had also organized a nationwide Doorstep Crop Insurance Policy/receipt Distribution mega drive – ‘Meri Policy Mere Haath’. Hard copies of crop insurance policy receipts are distributed to farmers enrolled under PMFBY through special camps at gram Panchayat/village level. All implementing State/UT Governments along with respective insurance companies have been organizing Gram Panchayat level mega policy distribution drive.

The systematic monitoring of IEC activities has been diligently overseen by the Central IEC Advisory Committee. This committee, in close collaboration with local Insurance Companies, assumes a pivotal role in ensuring the effective implementation and impact assessment of the IEC initiatives related to crop insurance.

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