

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 660
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/12/2023

EFFECTIVENESS OF PMFBY

660. SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:

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

- (a) whether the demand for crop insurance under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) dropped substantially, if so, how much did it drop alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government will release a white paper on the effectiveness of PMFBY; and
- (c) whether Government will provide details of spending under the scheme, if so, the details from 2018 to 2023, State-wise and financial year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is a demand driven scheme and is voluntary for the States as well as farmers. In fact, coverage under the scheme is increasing. The number of farmer applications has grown 33.4% and 41% year-on-year during 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively. There is also a growth of 28.9% in farmers insured under the scheme in Kharif 2023 season (upto 30th November, 2023) as compared to Kharif 2022.

PMBFY is a Central Sector Scheme, therefore, no State/UT-wise allocation and release is made under the scheme. Details of Central Government funds allocated and utilized during last five years are given below :

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budget Estimates	Actual Expenditure
2018-19	13,014.15	11,945.38
2019-20	14,000.00	12,638.32
2020-21	15,695.00	13,902.79
2021-22	16,000.00	13,549.70
2022-23	15,500.00	10,807.31
