

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-34
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02/02/2024

INCLUSION OF SERICULTURE FARMERS UNDER PMFBY

34. SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN:

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

(a) whether Government will consider bringing sericulture farmers to get insurance benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY); and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) & (b) : The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) envisages coverage of crops whether food grains, oilseeds, pulses, commercial/horticultural crops, subject to availability of past yield data and capacity of the State Government to conduct requisite number of crop cutting experiments as per provisions of the scheme. Other crops for which past yield data or the scientific method of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) to know the yield is not available can be notified under Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS). However, specific crop under the scheme is notified by the concerned State Government.

Under Sericulture, produce is taken from insects hence, it could not directly be covered under the scheme. Further, production in sericulture also depends on availability of good quality of host foliages of host trees. State Governments are allowed to consider covering the host tree for sericulture insects under RWBCIS.
