

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.645**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25/07/2025

**PILOT PHASE OF CROPIC INITIATIVE**

645. SHRI MILIND MURLI DEORA:

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

- (a) the number of districts selected for the initial pilot phase of Collection of Real-Time Observations & Photo of Crops (CROPIC) initiative and the criteria of their selection ;
- (b) whether the selected districts represent diverse agro-climatic zones and major notified crops; and
- (c) the proposed timeline for the nationwide rollout of the initiative?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): A digital application named Collection of Real Time Observations and Photographs of Crops (CROPIC) has been launched since July, 2024 across the country for capturing crop photographs for the purpose of Crop Health Monitoring on the ground under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

The application aims at collection of geotagged crowdsourced photographs from farmers and field coordinators through smartphones. The purpose of time-series geotagged photographs is crop validation against insured crops, and crop damage assessment in case of localized calamities.

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