

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4007
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th MARCH, 2017

REVENUE INSURANCE SCHEME FOR PLANTATION CROPS

4007. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing a scheme called “Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops/ Sector”;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with its salient features and the plantation crops covered under the scheme, State-wise and crop-wise;
- (c) the details of total funds allocated for this scheme till date along with the funding pattern of the scheme; and
- (d) whether the Government has selected any regions/States for implementation of the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a)to(d): Department of Commerce has recently approved the pilot Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops (RISPC) for protecting growers of plantation crops from the twin risks of yield loss due to adverse weather parameters, pest attacks etc and income loss caused by fall in international/domestic prices. RISPC will be implemented on a pilot basis for two years covering tea, coffee, rubber, cardamom and tobacco in nine districts in the States of West Bengal, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu by the Commodity Boards. List of selected districts and area of operation is at **Annexure**. On the basis of performance of the pilot project, the scheme will be considered for extension to other districts.

Government approved the implementation of pilot RISPC at a likely estimated cost of Rs.168.77 crores, which is proposed to be shared by the Central Government, concerned State Governments and growers in the ratio of 75:15:10. For the year 2017-18, an amount of Rs. 50 lakhs have been initially allocated for implementation of the scheme.

AnnexureList of 9 Pilot Districts under RISPC

Crop	State	Pilot Districts	No. of growers (having land holding upto 10 ha.)	Area covered (ha.)
Rubber	Kerala	Palakkad	18000	15000
	Kerala	Kottayam	50000	25000
Total Rubber			68,000	40,000
Tea	Tamil Nadu	Coonoor (Nilgiris)	38311	27000
	West Bengal	Jalpaiguri	9000	8000
	Assam	Golaghat	10044	9224
Total Tea			57355	44224
Coffee (Robusta)	Karnataka	Chikmagalur	14853	25574
Coffee(Arabica)	Karnataka	Chikmagalur		45520
Total Coffee				71094
Tobacco	Andhra Pradesh	West Godavari	11424	24406
Cardamom (small)	Kerala	Idukki	25000	28925
Cardamom (large)	Sikkim	East Sikkim	5200	6204
Total			181832	214853