

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 113
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th JULY, 2017

REVENUE INSURANCE SCHEME FOR PLANTATION CROPS

113. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) the salient features and guidelines of Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops approved by the Government recently;
- (b) whether the programme has been meeting expected outcomes in the States where the programme is being conducted on pilot basis and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there have been reports of errors and irregularities in claims processing of rubber growers in the State of Kerala; and,
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

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) Department of Commerce has 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. The rate of insurance premium payable by the Government of India (through Commodity Boards), State Government and Growers is in the ratio of 75:15:10. List of selected districts and area of operation is at Annexure.

(b) to (d) The outcome of pilot Scheme shall be reviewed after its completion. There have been no reports of errors and irregularities in claims processing of rubber growers in the State of Kerala.

List 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