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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.671
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2017

CROP INSURANCE SCHEME

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ऋदुशुआओ एवं किसान कल्याण ½âââè be pleased to state:

- the efforts being made by the Government to protect the farmers from the ill effects of natural calamities;
- the steps being taken by the Government in various States to popularize the crop insurance schemes among farmers so that they can get maximum benefits from these schemes;
- whether applied dangers like water logging is covered under the various crop insurance schemes; and
- if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

ऋदुशुआओ एवं किसान कल्याण ½âââÈ¼ ½ââ À¾¼ ½âââè (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): In order to protect farmers against crop failure due to natural calamities, pests & diseases, weather conditions, Government of India is implementing a new yield index based scheme namely: Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) from Kharif 2016 season, which has replaced the erstwhile scheme of National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) and Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS). Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS), single peril/named peril, weather index based scheme, has also been restructured by making the premium of the farmers, selection of insurance company and administrative & operational structure at par with PMFBY.

Comprehensive risk insurance is provided to cover yield loss due to non-preventable risks viz. natural fire and lightening; Storm, Hailstorm, Cyclone, Typhoon, Tempest, Hurricane, Tornado etc.; Flood Inundation and Landslide; Drought, Dry Spells; Pests/Diseases etc. under yield based Scheme of PMFBY. Losses arising out of war and nuclear risks, malicious damage and other preventable risk are excluded. On the other hand, WBCIS provide insurance protection/claims to the farmers against adverse weather incidence, such as, deficit and excess rainfall, high or low temperature, humidity etc. which are deemed to impact adversely the crop production.

(b): To enhance the awareness among farmers, to increase their coverage under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) among all the stakeholders, including farmers, Government is undertaking a comprehensive publicity and awareness programme to educate the farmers about the benefit of crop insurance schemes. Capacity building and training programmes for other stakeholders are also being organized. The salient activities under awareness campaign involve the publicity of features & benefits of the scheme through advertisements in leading National/local News Papers, telecast through audio-visual media, distribution of pamphlets in local languages, participation in agriculture fairs/mela/goshti and organization of workshops/training and SMS through Kisan Portal etc. State Governments/UTs are also regularly persuaded to increase the coverage, including notifying more crops under Crop Insurance Schemes. One day seminar/Kisan fair especially on the PMFBY has also been organized at various Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). In addition, several communications have also been sent to the public representatives including Members of Parliament, representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions etc.

(c) & (d): In addition to comprehensive risk insurance on area approach basis, PMFBY provides insurance coverage at individual farm level to crop losses due to occurrence of localized perils/calamities viz. inundation (water logging), landslide and hailstorm affecting part of a notified unit or a plot.
