

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4980**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**RISK COVER TO PLANTATION CROP GROWERS**

4980. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of steps which have been taken by the Government to provide risk cover to plantation crop growers against price fluctuations;
- (b) the details of funds which has been allotted towards Price Stabilization Fund with respect to plantation crops during last five years and the current year; and
- (c) the amount of the Price Stabilization Fund which has been utilized during the last five years and the current year?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) Pilot Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops (RISPC) is under implementation for protecting growers of plantation crops i.e. tea, coffee, rubber, cardamom and tobacco 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. State-wise details is at Annexure.
- (b) & (c): The Price Stabilization Fund Scheme was implemented by the Central Government from the year 2003 to 2013 with a view to protect the farmers of plantation crops from losses on account of price fluctuations with the support from the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF). No fund was released as assistance under the scheme in the last five years and current year. However, during the period from April 2013 to March 2014, an amount of Rs. 58.73 lakh had been released from the Price Stabilization Fund to meet the establishment expenses of officials who were engaged to formulate the pilot Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops (RISPC).

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## State-wise List of 9 Pilot Districts under RISPC

| <b>Crop</b>         | <b>State</b>   | <b>Pilot Districts</b> |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Rubber              | Kerala         | Palakkad               |
|                     | Kerala         | Kottayam               |
| Tea                 | Tamil Nadu     | Coonoor (Nilgiris)     |
|                     | West Bengal    | Jalpaiguri             |
|                     | Assam          | Golaghat               |
| Coffee<br>(Robusta) | Karnataka      | Chikmagalur            |
| Coffee(Arabica)     | Karnataka      | Chikmagalur            |
| Tobacco             | Andhra Pradesh | West Godavari          |
| Cardamom<br>(small) | Kerala         | Idukki                 |
| Cardamom<br>(large) | Sikkim         | East Sikkim            |

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