

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2285
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31ST JULY, 2018
INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER PMFBY

2285. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE प्रश्नकर्ता एवं किसान कल्याण ½"का"का"े
be pleased to state:

- whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is to provide financial support to farmers as well as insurance coverage in the event of natural calamities, pests and diseases;
- if so, the details thereof;
- the details of the amount spent under PMFBY in Assam during the last financial year and the current year; and
- the number of farmers which are included under the PMFBY in Assam?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

प्रश्नकर्ता एवं किसान कल्याण ½"का"का"े ¼"का"का"े ¼"का"का"े (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The objectives of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) include *inter alia* supporting sustainable production in agriculture sector by way of providing financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of unforeseen events including natural calamities, pests and diseases through crop insurance coverage. With this in view loanee farmers in notified areas and in respect of notified crops are compulsorily covered under the scheme. Though the scheme is voluntary for non-loanee farmers, however maximum efforts are envisaged to bring them under crop insurance cover as well. Further, the sum insured has been equated to scale of finance to provide the farmers with maximum risk coverage. Other than that to make the scheme more comprehensive several add on features have been included namely, prevented sowing, mid-season adversities, localized calamities of landslide, inundation and hailstorm and loss during post-harvest.

(c) & (d) : Details of coverage including farmers covered, premium paid by farmers and subsidy paid by Central and State Government in Assam during 2016-17 and 2017-18 are given in following table :

(In Rs. lakh)

Season	No. of Farmer Applicants (in lakh)	Farmers share in Premium	GOI Subsidy in Premium	State Govt. Subsidy in Premium
Kharif 2016	0.52	411	140	140
Rabi 2016-17	0.09	86	43	43
Kharif 2017	0.52	459	312	312
Rabi 2017-18	0.05	72	37	37
