

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4872
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD JULY, 2019

PROVISION OF MSP AND CROP INSURANCE

4872. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the schemes of the Government like minimum support price and crop insurance scheme are provided to farmers and agriculture workers in West Bengal, especially the Northern Districts, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government will take cognizance that the famous Mandarin orange growers in Darjeeling have suffered heavy losses due to diseases in the past 5 years and send a team of experts to help the farmers, if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard; and
- (c) the data relating to the number of cold storages, existing production technology and marketing of produces from the North Bengal districts of Darjeeling, Cooch Behar, Kalimpong, and Jalpaiguri?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Government fixes minimum support prices (MSPs) of 22 mandated crops for every agricultural season and fair & remunerative price (FRP) for sugarcane on the basis of recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned & other relevant factors. In addition, MSP for Toria and De-Husked coconut is also fixed on the basis of MSPs of Rapeseed/Mustard and Copra respectively.

Region specific parameters are kept in view by the CACP while recommending MSP for agricultural crops. Since cost of production varies in different States on account of differences in levels of irrigation, resource endowment, farm mechanization, land holding size etc., CACP uses all-India weighted average cost of production while making its recommendations and recommends uniform MSP which is applicable to all states and not region or state-specific.

Government has introduced yield based Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and weather index based Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) from Kharif 2016 to provide financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of natural calamities, adverse weather incidence, to stabilize the income of farmers etc.

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PMFBY is voluntary for States. West Bengal Government opted for implementation of both the scheme and implemented the schemes during 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. But State Government has withdrawn from the scheme from Kharif 2019 and is implementing its own scheme 'Bangla Fasal Bima Yojana'. Details of coverage in West Bengal under PMFBY and RWBCIS during 2016-17 and 2017-18 are **Annexure**.

(b) & (c): No such loss has been reported by the State Horticulture Mission, West Bengal. Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), powers have been delegated to State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) of various States for sanctioning of project upto cost of Rs 500.00 lakh including setting up of cold storage. As per available information 510 numbers of cold storage with capacity of 59.35 lakh MT are available in West Bengal as on 31.03.2019.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4872 due for reply on 23.07.2019

Combined PMFBY and RWBCIS Business Statistics for West Bengal												
Period	Seasons	Farmers insured (in lakhs)			Area insured (in lakh hectare)	Sum Insured	Farmers Premium	Gross Premium	Admissible Claim	Approved Claims	Paid Claims	Farmers Benefitted (in Lakhs)
		Loanee	Non-Loanee	total								
In Rs. Crore												
2016-17	Kharif 2016	17.13	13.40	30.53	15.00	7,806.63	132.53	259.68	104.11	104.11	102.65	2.74
	Rabi 2016-17	10.75	0.05	10.80	4.95	4,264.78	97.57	467.08	317.60	317.60	317.60	2.65
	Total	27.88	13.45	41.33	19.96	12,071.41	230.10	726.76	421.71	421.71	420.25	5.39
2017-18	Kharif 2017	11.12	13.38	24.50	10.10	5,512.14	73.07	227.81	218.11	214.93	204.47	4.00
	Rabi 2017-18	9.27	6.83	16.10	6.70	5,635.51	139.49	416.38	42.20	39.39	39.39	1.05
	Total	20.39	20.21	40.60	16.79	11,147.65	212.57	644.19	260.31	254.33	243.86	5.05
2018-19*	Kharif 2018	16.09	12.72	28.81	12.35	7,636.42	105.20	300.23	85.36	55.07	44.41	0.43
	Rabi 2018-19	13.87	13.37	27.24	9.74	8,331.44	153.01	531.32	0.36	-	-	-
	Total	29.96	26.09	56.06	22.08	15,967.86	258.21	831.55	85.72	55.07	44.41	0.43
Grand Total		78.23	59.75	137.98	58.83	39,186.91	700.88	2,202.50	767.74	731.11	708.52	10.87

*Provisional
