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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 337**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**REDUCTION OF FUNDS UNDER PMFBY**

337. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reduced the allocation under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) from 15500 crore in BE 2022-23 to 13625 crore in BE 2023-24; and
- (b) the measures which the Government is taking to improve the claim settlement rate under the said Yojana?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) : Payment of premium share as per the provisions of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is the committed liability of the Government and sufficient budget provision is made accordingly. In fact the budget of the scheme has been increased to Rs. 15,000/- crore at Revised Estimates (RE) stage in current financial year i.e. 2023-24 as compared to Rs. 12,375.76 crore in RE 2022-23.

(b) : Though timelines for each activity including settlement of claims are provided in the Operational Guidelines of PMFBY, settlement of few claims in some States may at times be slightly delayed due to reasons like delayed transmission of yield data, late release of State share in premium subsidy by the States, yield related disputes between insurance companies and States, non-receipt of account details of some farmers for transfer of claims to the bank account of eligible farmers, National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) related issues, erroneous/incomplete entry of individual farmers data on National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP), delay in remittance of farmers share of premium/non-remittance of farmers share of premium to concerned insurance company etc. Government has taken various steps to increase the claim settlement rate under the scheme. This Department is regularly monitoring the implementation of PMFBY including timely settlement of claims through weekly video conference of stakeholders, one to one meetings with insurance companies/States etc. Various innovative technologies are also adopted to increase the timeliness for flow of requisite information/data amongst stakeholders.

Also, towards leveraging technology, various steps have been taken like capturing of yield data/Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) data through CCE-Agri App & uploading it on the NCIP, allowing insurance companies to witness the conduct of CCEs, integration of State land records with NCIP etc. have already been taken to improve timely settlement of the claims to

farmers. Following technologies for Objective Crop Damage & Loss Assessment and transparency have also been approved recently for implementation w.e.f. 2023-24 :

- YES-TECH (Yield Estimation System Based on Technology) for gradual migration to Remote-Sensing based yield estimation to help assess yields as well as fair and accurate Crop Yield Estimation. This initiative has been launched for paddy & wheat crops from Kharif 2023 wherein 30% weightage to yield estimation will mandatorily be assigned to YES-TECH derived yield.
- WINDS (Weather Information Network and Data System) for Network of Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) & Automatic Rain-Gauges (ARG) for collecting hyper-local weather data at GP & Block level. This will be fed into a National unified network of AWS & ARG with interoperability & sharing of data in coordination with India Meteorological Department (IMD). WINDS will provide data not only for YES-TECH but also for effective drought & disaster management, accurate weather prediction and offering better parametric insurance products.
- CROPIC (Collection of Real-time photos and Observations of Crops) for Geo-tagged photographs for validation of sown Crop with Insured Crop and use of pictorial analytics for Objective Crop Damage Assessment & Crop Yield Estimation.

In order to rigorously monitor claim disbursement process an end to end module namely 'Digicclaim Module' has been operationalized for payment of claims from Kharif 2022 onwards. It involves integration of National Crop Insurance Portal (NCIP) with Public Finance Management System (PFMS) and accounting system of Insurance Companies to provide timely & transparent processing of all claims.

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