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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3110
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND MARCH, 2022

OBJECTIVE OF PRADHAN MANTRI CROP INSURANCE SCHEME

3110. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

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

- (a) the main objective of Pradhan Mantri Crop Insurance Scheme;
- (b) whether this scheme is voluntary for farmers who receive loan or is it mandatory for them and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this scheme covers the loss happened due to disasters as well; and
- (d) if so, the number of farmers of Gujarat, especially Amreli, Banaskantha who have been benefitted so far from this scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d) : Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) aims at supporting sustainable income in crop production, especially in adverse climatic conditions by way of :

- Providing financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of unforeseen events.
- Stabilizing the income of farmers to ensure their continuance in farming.
- Encouraging farmers to adopt innovative and modern agricultural practices.
- Ensuring credit worthiness of the farmers, crop diversification and enhancing growth and competitiveness of agriculture sector besides protecting the farmers from production risks.

Earlier the scheme was mandatory for farmers availing crop loans/Kisan Credit Card loans for the notified crops and notified areas and optional for others. However, the Scheme has now been made optional for all farmers w.e.f. Kharif 2020 season.

Details of number of farmer applications enrolled who got the benefit of premium subsidy under the scheme in Amreli and Banaskantha districts under PMFBY are as under :

Year	No. of Farmer Applications Enrolled	
	Amreli District	Banaskantha District
2016-17	2,40,234	1,06,183
2017-18	1,57,882	1,57,921
2018-19	24,260	50,562
2019-20	21,605	52,553

Gujarat State Government is not implementing the scheme since Kharif 2020 season as the scheme is optional for the States/UTs.
