

Crop Insurance Scheme in Bihar

† 1259. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Crop Insurance Scheme has been implemented in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) is under implementation in Bihar State from Kharif 2000 season. Crops covered in the State are Paddy and Maize. 597 blocks in 53 districts for coverage of paddy and 39 districts for maize have been notified under the Scheme during Kharif 2000 season by the State Government.

- (c) Does not arise.

National Crop Insurance Scheme

1260. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken a decision to review National Crop Insurance Scheme;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the State-wise details of the farmers benefited during the year 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The new Scheme *i.e.* National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) introduced from Rabi 1999-2000 provides for its annual review. As such, it is proposed to undertake a review of the scheme to consider the suggestions made by the implementing States/UTs etc.

- (c) State-wise details of the farmers covered during Rabi 1999-2000 under the scheme are as under:

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