

(ii) To help provide rural milk producers with greater access to the organised milk-processing sector.

(d) NDP I will be implemented in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Kerala. Coverage of NDP-I will, however, be across the country in terms of benefits accruing from the scheme.

Crop insurance

†1901. SHRI ASHOK ALI TAK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to the State of Rajasthan under crop insurance in 2010-11;

(b) whether Government proposes to bring all the crops within the ambit of crop insurance to give relief to farmers; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT) : (a) Presently, four crop insurance schemes *i.e.* National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Pilot Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS), Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) and Pilot Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) are implemented to compensate the losses in crops of the farmers in the country. All schemes are demand driven and therefore, no State-wise funds are allocated. During 2010-11, Rs. 84256.37 lakh were utilized as Government of India's share for contribution in farmers' premium and settlement of claims in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) All food and Oilseed crops, annual commercial/horticultural crops and some perennial horticultural crops are already covered under crop insurance schemes. As per provisions of the scheme, the implementing States/UTs are free to notify any crop subject to the capacity of the State to undertake requisite number of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) and availability of adequate past yield/weather data.

Controlling inflation in food articles

1902. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to increase agricultural production and productivity to control inflation in food articles on a sustainable basis;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.