

Challenges in implementing PMFBY

2748. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of farmers covered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) the details of Government's assessment of the challenges in implementing PMFBY; and

(c) the details of the projects that are covered under the localized risk cover of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) has been launched from Kharif 2016 and as per tentative estimates 366.637 lakh farmers have been covered in Kharif 2016 season under PMFBY and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS).

(b) Since Kharif 2016 was the first season for implementation of PMFBY there were several challenges in terms of delay in notification of scheme by several States, awareness building, use of technology like smartphones and mobile app for transmission of yield data from Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs), integrations of various stakeholders on the National Crop Insurance Portal etc.

(c) Hailstorm, landslide and inundation have been covered as localized risks under PMFBY where crop loss assessment is made on individual insured farm level.

Revitalizing the agriculture sector

2749. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Finance Minister had in the Union Budget 2016-17 highlighted, the need to revitalize the agriculture for transforming India;

(b) whether importance of agriculture was further emphasized by putting agriculture and farmers' welfare first in his nine point agenda; and

(c) if so, the details of achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) to (c) In the Union Budget 2016-17,