

The weighted average (A2+FL) cost and MSP fixed by Government for paddy and mandated Rabi crops including wheat for 2017-18 season is given below:—

(₹ per quintal)

	Paddy		Wheat	Barley	Gram	Masur	Mustard	Safflower
	Common	Grade-A						
A2+FL cost	1117		817	845	2461	2366	2123	3125
MSP	1550	1590	1735	1410	4400	4250	4000	4100

Implementation of PMFBY in Bihar

†1614. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing cheap and easy insurance services to farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether farmers living in remote rural areas get the benefits of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the number of farmers in Bihar who got benefited by this scheme along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) launched from Kharif 2016 provides affordable and easily comprehensible crop insurance cover to farmers. One flat premium rate of maximum 1.5% for Rabi, 2% for Kharif food and oilseed crops and 5% for annual commercial/horticultural crops is being charged from the farmers, with the balance of actuarial/bidded premium shared by the Centre and State on equal basis. The scheme is compulsory for loanee farmers and voluntary for other farmers.

Farmers living in remote rural areas can also get the benefits of the scheme however, only for notified crops and in areas notified by the concerned States.

During 2016-17 in Bihar, which was the first year of the scheme, 27.32 lakh farmers were insured and total claims of ₹ 327.18 crore have been approved by the insurance companies for 14.97 lakh farmers. During 2017-18, as per tentative data available, about 22.77 lakh farmers are insured.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.