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Title : To change the operational guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab (Cuttack): Sir, as per Section 21.5 of the Revamped Operational Guideline of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), perils like hailstorm, inundation, landslide, cloud-burst, natural fire due to lightning, etc. have been included under risk scenario of localised calamity. However, at Section 21.5.10, loss to crops like paddy, sugarcane, jute, and mesta due to inundation are not included as they are considered hydrophilic crops.

This provision is not rational as longer duration of inundation, especially at critical growth stages definitely affect the yield of the crop. It is because of such exclusion that the paddy growing farmers -- who account for more than 95 per cent of the insured farmers -- are deprived of the benefits of the PMFBY.

As the matter has been discussed during the 6th National Level Monitoring Committee meeting, I urge upon the Government to make appropriate changes in the operational guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

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