

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF CROPS COVERAGE UNDER NAIS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Governments to bring all crops including sugarcane, coconut, arecanut, pepper and coffee under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala and Tamil Nadu have requested for coverage of perennial horticultural crops like palm oil, coconut, rubber, arecaunt, coffee, tea and cardamom etc. under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS). Sugarcane is already covered under NAIS.

Keeping in view the demands of the States, a Committee under Chairmanship of Economic and Statistical Adviser (ESA) was constituted to suggest methodology for crop yield estimation for coverage of perennial horticultural crops under NAIS.

Based on the recommendations of this Committee it was decided to cover mango, apple, orange, pine apple and banana on pilot basis on a limited scale from rabi 2002-03.