

Crop and Livestock Insurance

Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

24. Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) was started from 1985 with the objective of providing financial support to the farmers in the event of crop failure due to drought, flood etc. Since inception of the scheme in 1985, about 5.82 crore farmers have been covered upto Rabi 1996-97 season. The claims paid is Rs.1523 crore as against a premium collection of about Rs. 269 crore upto Rabi, 1996-97 season. The scheme is thus unviable and the losses incurred are met by the Government of India and the concerned State Governments in the ratio 2:1.

25. Experimental Crop Insurance Scheme for covering non-loanee small and marginal farmers also in addition to loanee farmers has been formulated and is intended to be implemented in 24 districts of 8 States during Rabi 1997-98 season. 100 per cent of the premium of small and marginal farmers will be subsidised by the Central and State Government in the ratio of 8:2. Similarly, coverage of risk in respect of crops insured in any State will also be shared between the Central and State Government in the ratio of 8:2. All other features of the Scheme will be the same as that of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS).

Livestock Insurance-Premium and Claims				
Year	No. of animals insured (million)	Premium collected (Rs. cr.)	Incurred claims amount (Rs. cr.)	Incurred claims ratio (%)
1992-93	13.8	93.57	59.78	64
1993-94	17.7	103.87	63.71	61
1994-95	14.3	106.87	71.50	67
1995-96	15.0	113.38	74.05	65
1996-97*	14.7	122.54	74.83	61

* Provisional

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26. Under the Livestock Insurance Policy, cover is provided for the sum insured or the market value of the animal at the time of death whichever is less. Animals are normally insured upto 100 per cent of their market value. The General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) implements various cattle insurance programmes. The position regarding number of cattle covered, premium collected and claims paid during the past 5 years is listed in Table 8.14.