

SEMINAR ON  
AGRICULTURE INSURANCE IN INDIA  
***Challenges and the Way Forward...***  
24 July 2015, PHD House, New Delhi

**PROGRAMME**

**1300 – 1400 hrs** : **NETWORKING LUNCH & REGISTRATION**

**1400 – 1530 hrs** : **INAUGURAL SESSION**

*Agriculture in India is prone to many risks wherein weather conditions and natural calamities are the major ones. Also, the agriculture yield in most of the areas is rainfed leading to variation in yield. Thus to address the needs of the sector and mitigate the risks of the vulnerable farmer community, Crop Insurance is must.*

*In India, the Crop Insurance sector is still growing and accentuates for in-depth discussions and research to identify the major constraints and devise strategies to counter them. Against this background, this seminar is being organized on the subject. Inaugural Session would lay the basis of the discussion in various technical sessions...*

Welcome Remarks	:	<b>Mr. Alok B. Shiram</b> President PHD Chamber
Theme Presentation	:	<b>Mr. N M Kejriwal</b> Chairman, Agribusiness Committee, PHD Chamber and Chairman, Kejriwal Enterprises
Special Address	:	<b>Mr. R P Singh</b> Director, IFFCO
Special Address	:	<b>Mr. Yogesh Lohiya</b> Chairman Insurance Committee, CEO & MD IFFCO TOKIO General Insurance
Special Address	:	<b>Mr. Joseph Plappallil J.</b> Chairman-cum-Managing Director AIC of India Ltd.
Special Address	:	<b>Mr. Ashish K. Bhutani</b> Joint Secretary Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India
Address by the Chief Guest	:	<b>Shri. Mohanbhai Kundariya</b> Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture Government of India
Vote of Thanks	:	<b>Mr. Saurabh Sanyal</b> Secretary General PHD Chamber

1530 – 1545 hrs : Change of Dais

1545 – 1700 hrs : TECHNICAL PANEL DISCUSSION – I

**Current Status and Challenges**  
**Agriculture Insurance Important for Sustainable and Inclusive Development**

*To address the needs of the farmers, Government of India initiated number of policies in agriculture insurance sector. Several crop insurance schemes have been introduced over the past decades viz. Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS), National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) and modified NAIS (MNAIS). In addition, many public-and private-sector insurance companies also launched weather based crop insurance products on a pilot basis, as part of Government of India's crop insurance programme. Recently Government has announced National Crop Income Insurance Scheme which guarantees income to the farmer during fluctuating prices and yield losses due to natural calamities including drought or unseasonal rains.*

*Despite such efforts, crop failure because of natural calamity and unpredictable weather conditions brings catastrophic effects in the lives of the farmers, leaving their fortune dependent on the vagaries of the nature. This indicates towards the unaddressed challenges or concerns of the sector. The session has been designed to deliberate upon the current status and challenges of the Agriculture Insurance Sector ...*

**Chairman** : **Mr. Ashish K. Bhutani**  
Joint Secretary  
Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India

**Moderator** : **Mr. S.K. Sethi**  
Co-Chairman, Insurance Committee, PHD Chamber  
VP, Insurance Foundation of India (IFI)

- **Mr. Ajay Vir Jakhar**  
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- **Mr. Sonu Agrawal**  
Managing Director  
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**Q & A SESSION**

**Way Forward****People, Public, Private Partnership to Mitigate the Risk and Ensure Financial Security**

*Several agencies and organizations are involved in crop insurance programmes due to vastness of the country, large number of small and marginal farmers and adoption of area-based approaches. The People (farmers, growers and ultimate users), Public (public sector organizations) and Private (Private entities offering insurance products) parties will have to get associated into a sustained partnership. This partnership may play a pivotal role in creating the customised products, their distribution and other ancillary requirements like identification, selection of districts, weather forecasts, terms and conditions of the insurance etc.*

*Hence, coordinated efforts are critical for effective implementation of crop insurance scheme. To ponder on this idea, this session has been planned....*

**Chairman** : **Mr Rajeev Chaudhary**  
Chief Risk Officer  
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**Summing Up & Vote of Thanks** : **Mr. Durgesh C Sharma**  
Director, PHD Chamber