

**Notification of PradhanMantriFasalBimaYojna (PMFBY) in A&N Islands for
Kharif' 2021 season**

1. Coverage and Exclusions:

A. Coverage of Risks

Following stages of the crop and risks leading to crop loss are covered for Kharif, 2021 season.

i. **Prevented Sowing/ Planting Risk:** Insured area is prevented from sowing/ planting due to deficit rainfall or adverse seasonal conditions.

ii. **Standing Crop(Sowing to Harvesting) -** Comprehensive risk insurance is provided to cover yield losses due to **non-preventable** risks viz. Drought, dry spells, flood, inundation, pests and diseases, landslides, natural fire and lightening, storm, hailstorm, cyclone, typhoon, tempest, hurricane and tornado.

iii. **Post-Harvest Losses –**

Coverage is available only up to a maximum period of two weeks from harvesting, for those crops which are required to be dried in cut and spread / small bundled condition in the field after harvesting against specific perils of Hailstorm, Cyclone, Cyclonic rains and Unseasonal rains.

iv. **Localized Calamities –**

- Loss/damage to notified insured crops resulting from occurrence of identified localized risks of Hailstorm, Landslide, Inundation, Cloud burst and Natural fire due to lightening affecting isolated farms in the notified area/single peril risk.
- For the purpose of indemnification of crop losses due to inundation as localized claim, Inundation is a situation where insured field is covered or submerged by water due to rise in water level by rainwater that has fallen naturally from the sky or from an artesian well or flood water locally and where water stays for prolonged period and causes visible damage to the crop.

v. **Mid-season adversity –**

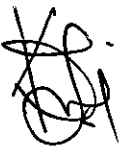
Loss in case of adverse seasonal conditions during the crop season viz. floods, prolonged dry spells and severe drought etc., wherein expected yield during the season is likely to be less than 50% of Normal Yield. This add-on coverage facilitates provision for immediate relief to insured farmers in case of occurrence of such case.

B. General Exclusions:

- Losses arising out of war and nuclear risks, malicious damage and other preventable risks shall be excluded.

2. Coverage of farmers

- a. All farmers including sharecroppers and tenant farmers growing the notified crops in the notified areas are eligible for coverage. However, farmers should have insurable interest for the notified/insured crops. The non-loanee farmers are required to submit necessary documentary evidence of land records prevailing in the State (Records of Right (RoR), Land possession Certificate (LPC) etc.) and/ or applicable contract/ agreement details/ other documents notified/ permitted by concerned State Govt. in case of sharecroppers/tenant farmers and the same should be defined by the respective States in the notification itself.
- b. Voluntary component:-Enrollment under the scheme to be made voluntary for all farmers (both loanee& non-loanee).



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3. Coverage of Crops & Insurance Unit:-

- Paddy has been notified under Kharif'2021 in all Gram Panchayats of A&N Islands. (At Annexure 'A')
- Gram Panchayats of A&N Islands may be read as 'Insurance Unit' under the scheme

4. Cluster formation under PMFBY

- One cluster consists of all 03 District (South Andaman, North and Middle and Nicobar (Campbell area only) has been formed for the implementation of Kharif'2021 season under PMFBY.

5. Indemnity Level:

- The indemnity level for all notified crops is 80% for Kharif '2021 seasons.

6. Sum Insured

Calculation of sum Insured in respect of notified crops during Kharif' 2021 will be based on the scale of finance is as under:

Crops	Scale of Finance- 2020-21 (Rs./hectare)
Cereals	69506.00
Paddy (HYV)	
Paddy (TV)	65676.00

7. Premium Rates & Implementing Agencies:

The National Insurance Company Ltd. is the Implementing Agency (IA) for the implementation of PMFBY for Kharif' 2021 & Rabi' 2021-22 seasons in this UT. The premium rates as offered by the company for the notified crops (Paddy) Kharif'2021 season has approved by the A&N Administration as mentioned below.

Cluster	A&N Islands	Notified Crops	Premium Quoted by company (IA) (% of SI)
Cluster-I	• South Andaman • N&M Andaman • Nicobar Dist (Campbell Bay Area)	Paddy(HYV)	9.00
		Paddy (TV)	8.00

8. Premium Subsidy

- All farmers (loanee or non-loanee) enrolled under PMFBY would be entitled for subsidy on the premium. Farmers will have to pay maximum 2% of the sum insured or actuarial premium rate, whichever is lower, for the notified crops under Kharif'2021 season. The difference between actuarial premium rate and the rate of insurance charges payable by farmer shall be treated as Rate of normal premium subsidy, which shall be shared equally by the State Government and Central Government in the ratio of 50:50. (As per its existing guidelines of PMFBY, farmer's premium share will be 2 % for Kharif season. As decided by SLCCCI of A&N Islands in its meeting held on 07.03.2019, the farmers will pay the premium rates only @ 0.5% of the Sum insured for all the notified crops for their enrollment under PMFBY which will be collected by the Nodal banks of these islands and the remaining premium share amount out of 2 % (i.e. 1.5 % of Farmer's premium) will be borne by this UT.
- Based on the fair estimates of coverage, Administration will ensure to make an advance payment of 50% of subsidy liability to insurance company and will settle the balance subsidy payment on submission of final figures by insurance company(Implementing Agency)

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9. Claim liability:

- Insurers shall be responsible to settle all the admissible claims to be arise due to the conditions/eventualities as detailed under Assessment of Claims as per its operational guidelines of PMFBY (Revamped).

10. Bank Services Charges:

- Bank and other financial institutions etc. shall be paid service charges @ 4% of the farmer's share of premium by Insurance Company as generated from the Portal and within the 15 days of finalization of business statistics. Rural agents engaged in providing insurance related services to farmers may be paid appropriate commission as decided by Insurance Company, subject to cap prescribed under IRDAI regulations. If there is delay in payment of service charges by Insurance Company beyond 15 days of finalization of business statistics, amount needs to be paid with interest @12% p.a.
- Even if the farmer's share of premium is contributed/financed by the concerned State Govt. the applicable service charges shall be paid by the concerned Insurance Company only.
- No service charges will be payable to the concerned bank/branch for the applications for which any anomaly/deficiency/misrepresentation of details/data is found.

11. Goods & Service Tax (GST)

- Collection of premium under the scheme is exempted from applicability of Goods & Service Tax (GST)

12. Seasonality Discipline

- The cut-off date is uniform for both loanee and non-loanee farmers and the receipt of proposal from the farmers is fixed on **15th August 2021 for Kharif' 2021 season** considering the climate condition and sowing pattern of this UT.
- The seasonality discipline is as below:

Sl. No.	Activities	Kharif, 2021	
1.	Cut-off date for receipt of Proposals/ enrollment of farmers (Loanee and non-loanee)	15.08.2021	
2.	Cut-off date for receipt of consolidated declaration of both loanee and non-loanee farmers from Bank branches (CBs/RRBs) to respective insurance companies and DCCBs for PACs.	Within 15 days for loanee farmers and 7 days for non-loanee farmers after cut-off date.	
3.	Cut-off date for receipt of consolidated declaration of farmers covered on Voluntary basis from designated insurance Agent(s) to Insurance Companies	Within 7 days of receipt of declaration/premium.	
4.	Cut-off date for receipt of proposal of Loanee and non-loanee farmers from respective DCCBs/Nodal Banks (for cooperatives).	Within 7 days of receipt of declaration by the respective Nodal Bank offices.	
5.	Uploading of soft copy of the details of individual insured farmers by commercial banks/RRBs/PACS/Intermediaries	Within 15 days after cut-off date for collection of premium from farmers	
6.	Cut-off date for receipt of yield data harvest	Within 20 days from final harvest.	
7.	Processing, Approval and Payment of Final Claims based on yield data	Three weeks from receipt of yield data.	
8.	Normal sowing & harvesting period of paddy under Kharif'2021.		
	Notified crops	Sowing	Harvesting
	Paddy	15 th May – 31 st August	15 th Sept – 15 th Jan.

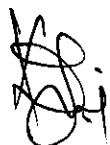
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13. Crop damage assessment

- The Assistant Director (Agri.) of the concerned zones being the Nodal Officer of the scheme shall initiate for assessment of Crop damages occurred if any under their respective jurisdiction with the respective Deputy Commissioner (Chairman) in terms of the existing Joint Committee constituted for the purpose. The Nodal Officer (PMFBY) i.e, Statistical Officer and the concerned officer-in-charge of National Insurance Co. Ltd (IA) shall also be informed for such assessment arising if any.
- For estimation of crop losses/admissible claims, "Two-Step Process of Loss Estimation" to be adopted based on defined "Deviation matrix" using specific tiggers like weather indicators, satellite indicators, etc. for each area along with normal ranges and deviation ranges. Only areas with deviations will be subject to CCEs for assessment of yield loss (PMFBY). Detailed guidelines/SOP for implementation of this proposal will be shared subsequently.
- Technology solutions like Smart Sampling Technique (SST) and optimization of number of CCEs to be adopted in conducting CCEs (PMFBY).
- In case of non-provision of yield data beyond cut-off date by the States to implementing Insurance Companies, claims to be settled based on yield arrived through use of technology solution (PMFBY alone).
- Yield loss damage for localized calamities and post-harvest losses will be assessed on the basis of individual insured farm level and hence lodging of loss information by farmer/designated agencies is essential. For remaining risks losses are due to widespread calamities. Hence lodging of information for claims by insured farmers / designated agencies for such wise spread calamities is not essential.
- For Post-Harvest Losses due to unseasonal rains etc, provision has been made for assessment of yield loss on individual plot basis in case of occurrence of hailstorm, cyclone, cyclonic rains and unseasonal rains resulting in damage to harvested crop lying in the field in 'cut and spread' / small bundled condition for drying upto maximum period of two weeks (14 days) from harvesting, for sole purpose of drying. For the purpose of indemnification of post-harvest crop losses, unseasonal rains shall be triggered when the excess rainfall is more than 20% over long period average over the month for that district subject to confirmation of the damage in the Joint survey to be conducted by concerned State Govt. and Insurance Company.
- The provisions of Operational Guidelines of Revamped PMFBY shall be final / followed for assessing the damages of crops.

14. Role of Nodal Officer (Zonal Officer (Agri.) of respective Zones

- The Assistant Director (Agri.) of the concerned zones being the Nodal Officer of the scheme, shall initiate for assessment of Crop damages occurred if any under their respective jurisdiction with the respective Deputy Commissioner (Chairman) in terms of the existing Joint Committee constituted for the purpose.
- Awareness and publicity on the scheme among the farmers may be carried out by field functionaries of Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) for successful implementation of this scheme. The representatives of National Insurance Company Ltd. (Implementing Agency) and District Lead Bank and PRIs to be invited to join the farmers awareness camps concerning PMFBY.
- The schedule of crop cutting experiments to be carried out at different zones, shall be intimated to National Insurance Company Ltd. (Implementing Agency) well in advance so that the Insurance Company could deploy their representative to the concerned field for supervision of CCEs as envisaged in the existing operational guidelines.



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15. Appointment of Loss Assessors by the Insurance Company:

- The loss assessors would be appointed by the Insurance Company for assessment of Post-harvest losses (Yield- index Insurance). The loss assessors appointed should possess following experience and qualification:
- Diploma in any subject with minimum 2 years relevant experience /degree in Agri. and allied subjects with one year experience).
- Retired Govt. officials of Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Extension Department
- Retired Bank officials with experience of crop loaning or KCC.
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- The loss would be jointly assessed by a team comprising of loss assessor appointed by the insurer, block level agriculture officer and the concerned farmer.

16. Time frame for reporting of crop loss.

- Intimation may be given within **72 hours** by effected farmer either directly or through his own mobile *or* land line phone *or* any his own media *or* toll free numbers ,if any to the implementing Agency (M/S. National Insurance Co. Ltd,) , concerned bank, local Agriculture Department . Farmer should also inform his bank account number (loan account for loanee farmer and savings account for non-loanee farmer) or Enrolment number generated under the scheme.

17. Time frame for Loss assessment and submission of report

- Appointment of loss assessor within 48 hours from receipt of information
- Loss assessment to be completed within next 10 days
- Claim settlement/payment to the farmers to be completed in next 15 days (subject to receipt of premium) from loss assessment report.
- If the affected area under a notified crop is more than 25% of the total cropped area in a notified insurance unit, all the eligible farmers (who have taken insurance for the notified crop, which has been damaged, and informed about occurrence of calamity in the farm within the stipulated time) in the notified insurance unit would be deemed to have suffered post-harvest loss and would be eligible for financial support. Percentage of loss would be arrived at by the Insurance Company through requisite percentage of sample survey as decided by the Joint Committee of the affected area.
- If the claim on area approach (based on CCEs) is more than the claims of the Post - harvest losses, the difference in the claims will be payable to affected farmers. If claim for Post-Harvest is higher, no recovery will be applicable from affected farmers.

18. Role of Insurance Company (Implementing Agency)

- Furnish the necessary details of SLCCCI as may be required as per the notification if any.
- Insurance companies shall provide login access to the essential crop notification data/information along with farmer level coverage data including banking details of individual farmers on the National Crop Insurance Portal to reconcile, verify, validate and calculate payable claims and remit the same directly into pre-declared bank accounts linked to the National Crop Insurance Portal.
- Underwriting-responsibilities for processing and acceptance of risk.
- Claim processing/finalization on receipt of yield data from States/UTs and payment within the prescribed timelines. The claim remittance shall be made directly into farmer's loan account for loanee farmers and into saving Bank A/c for non-loanee farmers.
- Review of implementation of PMFBY and provide regular feedback for its effective implementation/improvements to DAC&FW.



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- Ensure timely payment of commission/service charges to banks/other agents for implementing the scheme.
- Awareness and publicity- extensive efforts to create awareness and generate publicity for PMFBY at grass-root level including bank branches. Also coordinate with the UT Govt. and other agencies for awareness and publicity of the scheme.
- Provide monthly progress returns/statistics/information demanded by the Govt. both Central and UT.
- Facilitate the bank branches/intermediaries/agents to upload the details of insured farmers and beneficiaries with all requisite details on National Crop Insurance Portal well in time.
- Insurance companies will have to create necessary infrastructure like space, for ensuring proper grievance redressal mechanism etc. at Tehsil/District level.
- Deployment of sufficient manpower to co-observe CCEs and allied activities and compulsory use of CCE Co-observation app.

19. Role of Nodal Banks

- For purpose of PMFBY, scheduled banking institutions engaged in disbursing Seasonal Agricultural Operations (SAO) loans/KCC loan as per relevant guidelines of NABARD/RBI shall be reckoned as Banks.
- Notification, as well as other directives, guidelines, etc., shall flow as Insurance Company → District Lead Bank/Administrative offices of Commercial banks/RRBs/DCCBs → Service/Individual Bank Branch /PACS.
- The Nodal Banks/Administrative offices/Bank Branches shall also upload the details of each individual insured farmer on National Crop Insurance Portal through web-form or CBS on or before final cut-off date.
- To collect Aadhaar Number and Mobile number of all eligible farmers well before the start of enrolment/debit of premium.
- Nodal Banks are required to remit the premium payment to respective Insurance Company (Implementing Agency) mandatorily through Payment gateway (Pay-Gov) of National Crop Insurance Portal or through RTGS/NEFT followed by mandatory uploading of payment details on National Crop Insurance Portal within stipulated date. Bank details of Insurance Companies shall be made available on National Crop Insurance Portal itself. Accordingly, the Stakeholders i.e. Insurance Companies and Bank branches must compulsorily maintain dedicated bank accounts for this purpose. **No remittance/financial transaction in the form of Banker's cheque/Demand Draft will be allowed.**

20. Role of Lead Bank

- Communicate Notification, as well as other directives, guidelines, etc. to all agencies within their jurisdictional area.
- Ensure that the premium for both loanee and non-loanee farmers shall be remitted to concerned Insurance Companies and the related data uploaded on National Crop Insurance Portal within the prescribed time.
- Concerned Bank and its branches should ensure upload/submission of notified crop-wise, insurance unit-wise Declarations in prescribed format on National Crop Insurance Portal alongwith details of remittance of premium within stipulated time. A copy/print out of declaration uploaded on Portal may also be submitted to concern Insurance Companies, if so desired by them. The consolidated premium of farmers share will be remitted electronically either through payment gateway of National Crop Insurance Portal or RTGS/NEFT to Insurance Companies followed by compulsory entry of payment details on Portal for proper and timely reconciliation by ICs. If Concerned Bank and its branches are not able to remit the amount of premium collected to Insurance Companies or submit declaration in prescribed format by the defined timelines then they will be liable to pay admissible claims to farmers who are deprived from insurance cover to their crops.



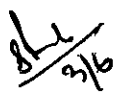
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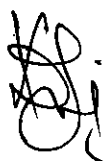
- The Nodal Banks/Administrative offices/Bank Branches shall also upload the details of each individual insured farmer on National Crop Insurance Portal through web-form or CBS on or before final cut-off date.
- The Insurance Company shall acknowledge the receipt of farmers premium and declarations submitted by the banks and any clarification/rectification sought by Insurance Companies should compulsorily be replied/addressed by the bank within 7 days. The banks should cross check with their records and aberrations, if any, should be brought to the notice of the Insurance Company immediately. If no response is received from banks within cut off time/reconciliation period, the details submitted on the Portal shall be considered final and no changes would be accepted later on. Insurance Companies will thereafter act as deemed fit as per applicable provisions.
- While it is intended that Insurance Companies in consultation with concerned State Govts. Will transfer claims directly into bank accounts of eligible farmers, however in case that is not feasible for loanee farmers, the Insurance Companies may transfer claims through bank branches which will credit the claims amount to respective beneficiary loan account positively within seven days. **If Bank Branches/Nodal banks are not able to do so within this time period then they will be liable to pay interest (at prevailing rate of interest for saving account) for the delayed period to the eligible farmers.** The Banks shall issue a certificate within 30 days to the insurer that entire money received for settlement of claims has already been credited in to the account of beneficiaries.

21. Monitoring of the scheme

- The implementation of the scheme at Block/District level will be monitored by Nodal Officer of the respective Zones, and State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI) of A&N Islands constituted for the purpose will be monitored at UT level for its effective implementation. However, a National Level Monitoring Committee (NLMC) under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Credit). DAC & FW will monitor the scheme at the national level.
- Nodal bank/Branches will also arrange for onward transmission to service (subordinate) bank branches/ PACS, compensation amounts as received from insurance companies with all details, to be credited to beneficiary accounts.
- The Nodal Banks may also collect the list of individual insured farmers with requisite details like name, fathers' name, Bank Account number, village, categories– Small and Marginal/SC/ST/Women, insured acreage, insured crop(s), sum insured, premium collected, Government subsidy etc from concerned PACS/Bank Branch in soft copy for further reconciliation and send the same to the concerned insurance company within 15 days after final cut-off date for submission of proposal to insurance company. The details of the beneficiary farmers may also be uploaded directly on Crop Insurance portal through concerned Nodal Banks/ Insurance Company i.e. Implementing Agency (IA).
- Prescribed Cut-off date for payment of premium subsidy (UT share) to Insurance Company (Implementing Agency) is 31st March, 2022 for Kharif' 2021 and 30th September' 2021 for Rabi 2021-22 season.

The above notification is issued based on the updated instructions/ directives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GoI and the same shall be revised as per further modification/changes in the final guidelines of revamped PMFBY being issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, if found necessary. The final Operational Guidelines on Revamped PMFBY of Govt. of India shall be strictly complied.


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(ANNEXURE)

Notified Area (Gram Panchayat) for Kharif 2021 season under PMFBY in A&N Islands

Crop : Paddy

SL.No.	Name of Tehsil & Gram Panchayat	District
Campbell Bay Tehsil		Nicobar
1	Laxmi Nagar	
2	Campbell Bay	
3	Govind Nagar	South Andaman
Little Andaman Tehsil		
4	Rama Krishnapur	
5	Vivekanandapur	
6	Netaji Nagar	
7	Hut Bay	
8	Rabindra Nagar	
Port Blair Tehsil		
9	Shyam Nagar	
10	Govind Nagar	
11	Neil Kengra	
12.	Beodnabad	
13	Calicut	
14	Sippighat	
Ferrargunj Tehsil		
15	Chouldari	
16	HumphryGunj	
17	Wandoor	
18	Guptapara	
19	Tushnabad	
20	Collinpur	
21	Mithakhari	
22	Namunaghar	
23	Ferrargunj	
24	Bindra Ban	
25	Bamboflat-I	
26	Stewartgunj	
27	Bamboflat-II	
28	Wimberlygunj	
29	Kanyapuram	
30	Shorepoint	
31	Hopetown	
32	Mannarghat	
33	Shoal Bay	

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Rangat Tehsil	
34	Sunder Garh
35	Nilambur
36	Uttara
37	Kadamtala
38	Kaushalya Nagar
39	Bakultala
40	Long Island
41	Sabari
42	Rangat
43	Parnasala
44	Dasaratpur
45	Urmilapur
46	Nimbutala
47	Sivapuram
Mayabunder Tehsil	
48	Swadesh Nagar
49	Hari Nagar
50	Basantipur
51	Pahalgaoon
52	Chainpur
53	Rampur
54	Pokadera
55	Mayabunder
Diglipur Tehsil	
56	Kishori Nagar
57	Kalighat
58	Ram Nagar
59	Laxmipur
60	Radha Nagar
61	Diglipur
62	Madhupur
63	Sita Nagar
64	Subash Gram
65	R.K.Gram
66	Keralapuram
67	Shibpur
68	Nabagram
69	Gandhi Nagar
70	PaschimSagar

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