

CROP INSURANCE KHARIF 2017

(IMPORTANT NOTE)

As you are aware, Kerala State Government has issued necessary G.O and Detailed notifications separately for implementation of Prime Minister's Crop Insurance Scheme(PMFBY) and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme(RWBCIS) in the State for this **Kharif 2017 Season**. The detailed Govt. Notification issued separately for PMFBY as well as RWBCIS for this Kharif 2017 season can be downloaded from the Kerala State Dept. of Agriculture website www.keralaagriculture.gov.in under its **What's New** Section. A link to the said site for downloading the Govt. Notification is furnished below:

www.keralaagriculture.gov.in

Agriculture Insurance company of India Ltd. (AIC) in the public sector is the Designated Implementing Insurance Company for both these Schemes as selected by the Govt. of Kerala through bidding process for this Kharif 2017 season.

For the benefit of the bankers in the state, we now **highlight below the salient points of the Govt. Notification on these schemes to be noted by Banks for their necessary timely compliance in this regard:**

- **Nodal Bank Points for Scheme Implementation:**

For Commercial and Garmin Banks, their **individual lending branches** shall be acting as **the nodal bank points for administering the scheme**(iefor remittance of insurance premium and farmer coverage details to AIC within the Cut-off Date and crediting the claims arrived transferred by AIC to the beneficiary farmers bank account)and for Co-operative Banks **their DCCB HO shall act as the Nodal bank point** in respect of all their branches and PACS under their jurisdiction.

- **PMFBY: Crops & their Districts Covered**

1. **Paddy(Autumn/first-crop)** of Alappuzha, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta districts with notified area being **selected Panchayat/Muni./Corporn.Limit as per Annexure PM-I;**

2. Banana Crop of All the 14 districts with notified with notified area being selected Panchayat/Muni./Corporn.Limit as per Annexure PM-II;

3. Tapioca crops of All the 14 districts with notified area being Blocks as per Annexure PM-III.

- **RWBCIS: Crops & their Districts Covered**

1. Paddy (Autumn/first crop) of **10 districts** excluding Wayanad and those three districts wherein Paddy crop is notified under PMFBY),

2. **Black Pepper** (Kollam, Kottayam, Idukki, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Kannur, Wayanad and Kasargode),

3. **Areca nut**

(Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Kannur, Wayanad and Kasargode),

4. **Pineapple** (Kottayam, Idukki and Ernakulam),

5. **Ginger** (Idukki, Palakkad and Wayanad),

6. **Turmeric** (Kollam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode and Wayanad),

7. **Sugarcane** (Idukki, Palakkad)

8. **Cardamom** (Idukki, Palakkad, Wayanad)

9. **Nutmeg** (Ernakulam and Thrissur) &

(NB: For all the above Nine crops notified under RWBCIS, the notified Reference Unit Area is a Panchayat/Muni./Corporation Limit within the relevant district covered for each crop strictly as per Annexure WB-II)

and

10. **Banana** (is notified under RWBCIS ONLY in those few selected panchayats/Muni./Corprn. Limits of districts other than Alappuzha and Kottayam, wherein an Automatic Reference Weather Station is installed) for WBCIS strictly as per Annexure WB-III without any duplication with Banana notified under PMFBY).

Important Note: It has been ensured by the state Govt. in their notification for the relevant schemes to avoid any duplication of applicable scheme for single crop-notified area combination within a District especially considering the mandatory nature of both these schemes for loanee farmers. In other words, for a single notified crop raised in a single notified area there is only one of these two schemes notified by the State Govt. This is especially relevant for Banana

crop which is covered under both the schemes within a same district, but the notified areas (ie Panchayat/Muni./Corporation Limit) of Banana under the two schemes(PMFBY & RWBCIS) are mutually exclusive and devoid of any duplication. Hence please ensure to cover the banana crop under correct scheme strictly as per the relevant list of notified panchayat/Muni./Corprn. Limit under each scheme (I.e. List of notified areas as per Annexure-PM-II under PMFBY and List of notified reference Unit Area as per Annexure-WB-III under RWBCIS).

- **Farmers to be covered:** Bankers please note that Insurance Coverage under the Notified Schemes are **Mandatory for eligible loanee farmers and Optional for eligible non-loanee farmers.**

In respect of those borrower farmers of the banks, all the crop loans sanctioned/renewed for the above Notified Crops in their notified Areas including those under KCC (who have been sanctioned loans for various crops including any of these notified crops) for this Kharif 2017 Season up to 31.07.2017 are to be compulsorily insured by the respective Financial Institution under the relevant Scheme as per the Govt. Notification. Such eligible loanee farmers having sanctioned credit limit need not submit any application/consent form/declaration for this insurance and the respective Financial Institutions have to comply all the formalities of compulsory insurance coverage within the stipulated Cut-off Date. **The premium payable by Loanee farmers shall be additionally financed by loan disbursing bank and will be treated as additional component to the Scale of Finance (SoF).**

The interested non-loanee farmers raising the notified crops in their notified areas are required to submit a duly-filled Proposal cum Registration Form with necessary documentary evidence of land & cultivation records and the required farmer share of premium for coverage within the stipulated Cut-off Date i.e. 31.07.2017 to the nearest bank branch/ insurance intermediary/agent of the insurance company or directly to the Agriculture insurance company. **Operating a Savings Bank Account is essential for a non-loanee farmer.** *The Financial Institutions shall facilitate the enrolment of interested non-loanee farmers as well.*

- **The Cut-off Date notified for various activities by Banks:**

The Cut-Off dates notified for Banks for various activities are as furnished below:

Activity	Farmer Category	Notified Cut-off Date
RTGS transfer of Consolidated Premium & submission of farmer-wise coverage details (in soft copy) and Signed Declaration Summaries (hard copy) by Bank Branches of Commercial Banks and KGB directly to AIC & PACS/Co-op.bank Branches to their DCCB H. O	Non-loanee	07.08.2017
	Loanee	16.08.2017
Premium remittance & Coverage submission by the respective DCCB-H.Os in turn to AIC .	Non-loanee	14.08.2017
	Loanee	23.08.2017
Cut -off date for entering the coverage details of individual insured farmers in MoA Portal of GOI by Commercial Bank Branches/ RRBs/PACS/DCBs.	Loanee & Non-loanee	16.08.2017

Kindly refer **Annexure PM-V/ Annexure WB-VII** of the Govt. Notification on Seasonality Discipline for further details on these Cut- off Dates.

- **Procedure for effecting insurance coverage of eligible farmers under respective schemes by Banks:**

From this Kharif 2017 season onwards Govt. of India has made it mandatory for the banks to enter all the farmer-wise insurance coverage details on the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare, Govt. of India's **National Crop Insurance Portal www.agri-insurance.gov.in** in order to enable integration among all stakeholders for smooth flow of both information and services with the ultimate aim of direct benefit transfer of claim settlement to Aadhar seeded accounts of affected farmers. The banks are accordingly advised to enter the coverage details of all farmers on the aforesaid portal on daily basis through online/offline utility in the portal. It is also learnt that to facilitate the Co-operatives and bank branches in those areas where there is a connectivity problem or have no internet connection, now an OFFLINE utility also has been provided on this Crop Insurance portal of GoI. Over and above the existing online entry facility in the portal, real-time coverage details can be entered on the portal by the banks & co-operatives using this offline facility also.

In this regard in order to assist each bank branch/PACS to arrive at eligible farmer-wise insurance details especially Scheme-wise, Crop-wise, Correct notified Area, Correct Sum Insured and also the correct farmer share of premium to be debited from loan account, two basic Template sheets in Excel (ie one each for PMFBY and RWBCIS) have been supplied by AIC, which the banks may in-turn use for this purpose strictly as per the relevant instructions for data entry so that once the data entry of all eligible farmers is completed correctly in this basic template, then banks can comply the insurance requirement of their eligible farmers and transfer the total consolidated farmer share of premium to AIC's designated bank account within the stipulated Cut-off Dates along with soft copy of this template details mailed to them . Further using the template details filled, the bank branches can correctly enter the relevant farmer-wise insurance details into the Govt. of India's Crop Insurance Portal also.

- **Mode of Premium Payment by Banks to AIC**

As per Govt. of India directions, from this Kharif 2017 season onwards the Premium shall be paid by all Commercial bank branches & Garmin Bank branches to AIC ONLY through electronic transfer of consolidated premium amount in respect of all its eligible borrowers (viz. NEFT/ RTGS) to the designated bank account of AIC. For effecting electronic transfer of Premium amount by Banks through RTGS/NEFT, the Bank account details of AIC's Kerala Regional Office at Thiruvananthapuram are as per the details mentioned below:

Account No: **113010200002318** (AIC-Crop Insurance Premium Collection Account), IFS Code: **UTIB0000113**, Name of the Bank: **Axis Bank Ltd., Pattom Branch, Thiruvananthapuram.**

Whereas in case of DCB HOs the mode of premium remittance is again preferably through electronic transfer to the designated bank account of AIC or in the absence of such electronic transfer facility at bank by means of Demand Draft favouring **"Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd., Axis Bank A/c No.113010200002318"**, drawn at **Thiruvananthapuram** for the total premium amount drawn and received at AIC within the stipulated cut-off date.

- **Bank Service Charges:**

Each servicing nodal Bank points would be paid @ 4% of premium remitted by them as Bank Service Charges(BSC). For this the concerned bank, shall submit their invoice for the Season **as per specific format**(scheme-wise) for claiming this Bank Service Charges due to them under each scheme.

Banks are advised to ensure timely & accurate compliance of all the above and accordingly ensure 100% insurance coverage of all their eligible loanee borrowers and interested non-loanee farmers by completing the above described activities/tasks within the stipulated time limits for this Kharif 2017 season as per the state government Notification.

Downloads:

- A. PMFBY:** Relevant Scheme-wise Circular of AIC on PMFBY and its Annexures (PM-I to PM-IX), Formats & Excel Template., Excel Template for PMFBY and Annexures and for RWBCIS) to Govt. Notification Order (G.O(Rt.) No. 6533/2017/AD. dated 30.06.2017 of Govt. of Kerala.

[Click here to download](#)

- B. RWBCIS:** Relevant Scheme-wise Circular of AIC on RWBCIS and its Annexures(WB-I to WB-VIII), Formats & Excel Template

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- C. Non-loanee farmer Coveragethrough banks:** Note on points to be noted by banks for Non-loanee Enrolment under PMFBY/RWBCIS by banks and the scheme-wise Proposal Form and Registration Forms.

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