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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
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1. APC/Secretary (Agri.) of Government of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarkhand and West Bengal.
2. Joint Secretary (Insurance & Banking), Department of Financial Services, Jeevandeep, Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110001
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Subject: Implementation of Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) during 2013-14 (Kharif 2013 and Rabi 2013-14) – Administrative Instructions.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter of even number dated 7th March, 2012 regarding implementation of Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) during the year 2012-13 and to state that Government of India has decided to continue the implementation of Pilot WBCIS during 2013-14 (both Kharif 2013 and Rabi 2013-14 seasons), on existing pattern. The pilot will continue to be implemented in twenty one States namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarkhand and West Bengal. Any addition/deletion of States may be considered by the Government of India, based on willingness and level of preparedness of concerned State Government.

2. Pilot WBCIS aims to mitigate hardships of insured farmers against likelihood of financial loss on account of anticipated losses of crop resulting from incidence of adverse conditions of weather parameters like deficit or excess rainfall, high and low temperature, humidity etc. Main features of WBCIS are as under:-

