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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1785**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04/08/2023

**ALTERNATE CROP FOR TOBACCO FARMERS**

1785. SHRI KAILASH SONI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any development plan to promote alternate crop to tobacco farmers at present;
- (b) whether any budget has been allocated to States during the last five years and if so, the States that have been included;
- (c) the area of land that has been shifted from tobacco cultivation along with alternative crops; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing Crop Diversification Programme (CDP) under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) in 10 tobacco growing states namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal to encourage farmers to shift to alternative crops/cropping system since 2015-16. Under CDP, tobacco growing states have been given the flexibility to take suitable activities / interventions to shift from tobacco crops to alternative agricultural / horticultural crops, as per the cost norms approved under any centrally sponsored schemes / state schemes.

(b) The budgetary allocation for the tobacco growing states namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal under CDP during the last five years is given as under:

Years	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Allocation to the States as Central share (Rs. in lakhs)	667.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00

(c) & (d) As per the reports of the State Governments, demonstrations in an area of 75830 hectares have been conducted under CDP from the year 2015-16 to 2022-23 to diversify tobacco to alternative crops like pulses, oilseeds, nutri cereals, coarse cereals, vegetables and horticulture crops etc.

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