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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-964
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28/07/2023

ALTERNATIVE CROP FOR TOBACCO

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

- (a) whether there is currently any development scheme for promoting alternative crop for tobacco;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any budgetary allocation has been made to States for the same during the last five years, if so, the details of States covered?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b) 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. 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.

(c) 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
