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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 381**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

**ALTERNATIVES TO TOBACCO CROP**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme for development and promotion of tobacco crop alternatives for tobacco farmers currently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any budget has been allocated to the States for the above scheme during the last five years and if so, the details thereof along with the States to be covered thereunder;
- (d) whether any kind of institutional, monetary and regulatory support is being given by various Ministries of the Central and State Governments for the tobacco growers for alternate cropping and / or for alternate livelihood; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 381 FOR 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023 REGARDING “ALTERNATIVES TO TOBACCO CROP”.**

(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	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Allocation to the States as Central share (Rs. in lakhs)	667.00	667.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00

(d) & (e): In addition to CDP, the Government of India is also providing flexibility to the states for state specific needs/priorities under RKVY-RAFTAAR and the States can promote crop diversification under RKVY-RAFTAAR with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by Chief Secretary of the respective states. The DA&FW also implements various crop development programmes such as the National Food Security Mission on Rice, Wheat, Pulses, Shree Anna (millets), Coarse Cereals, Oilseeds and Commercial Crops (Cotton, Jute & Sugarcane), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) etc. for promotion of agricultural / horticultural crops.

ICAR- Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry has recommended alternative cropping systems to the states for replacing tobacco.

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