

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4799
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2023

TOBACCO BOARD

4799. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Tobacco Board has conducted any survey regarding the cultivation of tobacco in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of total area under cultivation of tobacco in the country during the last five years;
- (c) whether the total area under cultivation of tobacco has increased or decreased in the country over the past years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if such data is not maintained, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to discourage tobacco farming in the country and provide alternative livelihood to tobacco farmers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (d) The Tobacco Board has not conducted any survey regarding the cultivation of tobacco in the country as the Board is mandated to regulate the cultivation of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco only. As per estimates of the Directorate of Economics & Statistics in Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the area under tobacco cultivation from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is at Annexure .

(e) to (f) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has extended Crop Diversification Programme (CDP), an ongoing sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to encourage tobacco growing farmers to shift to alternative crops/cropping system in tobacco growing states namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal w.e.f. 2015-16. An amount of Rs.10 crore for CDP for replacing tobacco farming with alternate crops/cropping system have been earmarked for implementation of the programme during 2022-23.

**Annexure referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
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Total area of cultivation under tobacco in India from 2016-17 to 2020-21

Year	Area under tobacco (000 Hectares)
2016-17	399.63
2017-18	410.62
2018-19	408.70
2019-20	404.29
2020-21	357.16

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, DA&FW
