

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 276**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**SUPPORT TO TOBACCO FARMERS**

\*276. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH

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

- (a) the details of institutional, monetary and regulatory support provided by various Ministries of the Central and State Governments for the tobacco growers for alternate cropping and / or alternate livelihood;
- (b) the details of developmental schemes for promoting tobacco crop alternatives for tobacco farmers; and
- (c) the details of budget allocated during the last five years to various States for this purpose, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 276 FOR 8<sup>TH</sup>AUGUST, 2023 REGARDING “SUPPORT TO TOBACCO FARMERS”**

(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 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.

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.

(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:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Allocation as Central Share during last 5 years under Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)					
	States	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Andhra Pradesh	210.10	212.96	319.20	319.20	319.20
2	Bihar	17.80	17.80	26.70	26.70	26.70
3	Gujarat	201.23	201.23	301.70	301.70	301.70
4	Karnataka	160.08	160.08	240.00	240.00	240.00
5	Maharashtra	2.86	Not implemented			
6	Odisha	2.45	2.45	3.70	3.70	3.70
7	Tamil Nadu	5.33	5.33	8.00	8.00	8.00
8	Telangana	10.47	10.47	15.70	15.70	15.70
9	Uttar Pradesh	38.21	38.21	57.30	57.30	57.30
10	West Bengal	18.47	18.47	27.70	27.70	27.70
Total		<b>667.00</b>	<b>667.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>1000.00</b>

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