

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3379
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MARCH, 2021

TOBACCO FARMING

3379. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) the area on which tobacco farming is taking place in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating/proposes to work out any scheme to promote cultivation of other crops in place of tobacco; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Tobacco is grown in an area of 4.08 lakh hectares in the country. The state-wise area under tobacco during 2018-19 is as under:

State	Area ('000 Hectares)
Andhra Pradesh	88.00
Assam	0.14
Bihar	10.81
Gujarat	177.41
Karnataka	83.70
Maharashtra	0.46
Meghalaya	0.80
Mizoram	0.34
Rajasthan	0.24
Tamil Nadu	2.11
Telangana	4.00
Uttar Pradesh	26.00
West Bengal	14.69
All India	408.70

(b)&(c): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is already implementing Crop Diversification Programme (CDP), an ongoing sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in tobacco growing states viz., Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal to encourage tobacco growing farmers to shift to alternative crops/cropping system w.e.f. 2015-16. An amount of Rs. 1000.00 lakh as Central Share has been allocated to implementing states during 2020-21 for implementation of the programme on 60:40 sharing basis between Government of India and State Government.
