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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2102
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2022

REHABILITATION OF TOBACCO FARMERS

2102. SHRIA. GANESHAMURTHI:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced any scheme or plan to rehabilitate tobacco farmers with alternate livelihood;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps proposed to help tobacco farmers take up alternative farming;
- (c) the details of the quantum of land under tobacco cultivation which has shifted to other crops in the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the budget provisions for providing various incentives under the crop diversification programme in the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) In order to encourage tobacco growing farmers to shift to alternative crops/cropping system, the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing the Crop Diversification Programme (CDP), a sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in 10 tobacco growing states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal w.e.f. 2015-16.

In addition to CDP, Government of India also providing flexibility to the states for state specific needs/priorities under RKVY and the States can promote crop diversification under RKVY with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by Chief Secretary of the State.

(c) Under CDP, crop demonstrations have been conducted to shift the tobacco crop area to other alternative crops during the last three years in various states. The state wise details of demonstrations are as under:

(In Hectares)

S. No.	State	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Andhra Pradesh	3845	4200	-
2	Bihar	-	81	-
3	Gujarat	1439	2131	3704
4	Karnataka	2079	2071	923
5	Tamil Nadu	436	44	67
6	Telangana	30	-	-
7	Uttar Pradesh	1010	969	438
8	West Bengal	-	404	612

(d) The budget provisions (central share) under CDP for replacing tobacco farming in the last three years and the current year is as under:

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
budget provisions (central share) (Rs. in lakh)	667.00	667.00	1000.00	1000.00
