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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4298
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29th MARCH, 2022

PROPOSAL TO GROW SANDALWOOD

4298. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

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

- (a) Whether the Government has any proposal to encourage farmers to grow sandalwood trees in their fields;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has any estimation of the area of land in acres used at present to grow sandalwood in the country including in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (b): Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is presently implementing Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) Scheme in 23 States/UTs including State Govt. of Tamil Nadu with an aim to encourage tree plantation on farm land along with crops/cropping system to help the farmers get additional income and make their farming systems more climate resilient and adaptive. Multipurpose tree species including **Sandalwood** are promoted for plantation on farm land along with agricultural crops.

Under the scheme, assistance to farmers is given through State Governments for nursery development, boundary plantation and block plantation of prominent tree species.

(c) Government has not done any estimation of the area under sandalwood cultivation. However, As per information received from the State of Tamil Nadu, sandalwood saplings are planted in an area of 302.5 acres under Tamil Nadu Mission on Sustainable Green Cover on Farmland (TNMSGCF) and SMAF.
