

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 548
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD FEBRUARY, 2026
FARMERS ENGAGED IN TOBACCO CULTIVATION

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

(a) the number of farmers engaged in tobacco cultivation across the country, along with the total area under cultivation and production during the last five years, disaggregated by tobacco type such as FCV, Burley, Chewing and others, State and year-wise;

(b) the initiatives undertaken by the Government during the last five years to promote quality improvement, value addition and export competitiveness in tobacco, along with measurable outcomes;

(c) the number of tobacco farmers who have shifted to alternative crops under Central or State schemes and whether any data is available on changes in income levels and sustainability of such transitions, State-wise;

(d) the targets set and achieved for reduction of tobacco acreage and promotion of sustainable farming practices; and

(e) the funds allocated, released and utilised for crop diversification, capacity building and market linkages related to tobacco farmers during the last five years, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): During the agricultural year 2024-25, the total area under tobacco cultivation in the country was estimated at 491.37 thousand hectares, with an overall production of 1,036.91 thousand tonnes. The details of State-wise area and production of tobacco during the last five years is at Annexure I.

(b): ICAR-National Institute for Research on Commercial Agriculture (NIRCA), Rajahmundry is actively disseminating technologies and good agricultural practices to farmers and is involved in the development of high yielding varieties, reduction of harmful substances in the tobacco through genome editing tools, good quality leaf within the Global

Reference laboratories (GRLs) for meeting export demand and supply of the high purity seed to the farmers through NIRCA seed portal.

(c) to (e): The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing Crop Diversification Programme (CDP) under Pradhan Mantri - Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) 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, the 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. The funds allocated, released and utilised for the tobacco growing states namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal under CDP (Tobacco Replacement) during the last five years is given at Annexure II.

State-wise Area and Production of Tobacco during the last 5 years

State	Area (in thousand hectares)					Production (in thousand tonnes)				
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Andhra Pradesh	61.00	57.00	58.00	84.00	139.00	145.55	132.30	118.09	200.17	313.31
Bihar	10.33	10.28	10.32	10.67	6.74	18.12	18.09	18.14	18.73	11.98
Gujarat	170.45	191.64	192.85	189.40	204.79	396.19	452.08	447.22	420.09	468.97
Karnataka	71.00	80.00	76.00	77.00	79.00	58.86	63.44	56.54	56.06	36.97
Maharashtra	0.59	0.53	0.50	0.69	0.82	1.19	0.80	0.82	0.79	2.13
Odisha	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02
Tamil Nadu	1.77	1.54	2.10	2.12	2.59	2.70	2.35	3.20	3.23	3.95
Telangana	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	11.81	1.85	6.65	8.55	12.86	32.26
Uttar Pradesh	25.00	28.00	23.00	28.00	33.29	109.03	123.03	93.43	128.24	140.48
West Bengal	14.41	12.56	12.32	12.29	12.30	19.74	17.46	22.73	24.24	25.83
Others	1.54	1.48	1.23	1.16	1.01	1.97	1.32	1.12	1.14	1.01
All India	357.16	386.08	379.34	410.35	491.37	755.25	817.55	769.86	865.57	1036.91

Annexure II

Statement Showing state-wise Allocation, Release and Utilization under RKVY for the sub-scheme namely CDP (Tobacco Replacement) during 2020-21 to 2024-25 as on 29.01.2026

(Rs. In crore)

S. No	Name of the State	2020-21			2021-2022			2022-23*	2023-24			2024-25		
		Allocation	Release	Utilization	Allocation	Release	Utilization	Allocation	Allocation	Release	Utilization	Allocation	Release	Utilization
1	Andhra Pradesh	3.19	1.21	0.00	3.19	0.00		3.19	3.45	0.00		3.45		
2	Bihar	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.00		0.27	0.00	0.00		0.00		
3	Gujarat	3.02	3.01	3.01	3.02	1.51		3.02	3.02	0.00		3.02	1.50	
4	Karnataka	2.40	0.00	0.00	2.40	1.20	0.97	2.40	2.44	2.44	1.11	2.44	2.44	
5	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		
6	Odisha	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00		0.04	0.00	0.00		0.00		
7	Tamil Nadu	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	
8	Telangana	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.00		0.16	0.14	0.00		0.15	0.07	
9	Uttar Pradesh	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.28	0.28	0.57	2.13	1.50	1.50	2.13	2.13	1.82
10	West Bengal	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.14	0.14	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28		
	Total	10.01	4.87	3.66	10.00	3.17	1.43	10.00	11.54	4.30	2.97	11.55	6.22	1.82

*No release made during 2022-23
