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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2783
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th MARCH, 2021

SUPPORT TO TOBACCO GROWERS

2783. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the kind of institutional, monetary and regulatory support given by Government for the Tobacco growers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a) & (b) To support the Tobacco growers, Tobacco Board takes up an effective crop planning exercise and fixes the crop size every season by taking into consideration the domestic and international demand and supply situation. Tobacco Board conducts various yield and quality upgradation activities like, facilitating supply of essential inputs for production of quality tobacco viz., seed, fertilizers etc., energy conservation measures for reducing the wood fuel usage in tobacco curing, technical advisory services, etc. Tobacco Board provides training to growers on latest production technologies at various stages from seed bed preparation to harvesting by involving scientists from CTRI and tobacco trade. An amount of Rs.96.89 lakhs was incurred towards imparting training to growers (2017-18 to 2019-20 crop season). To provide fair and remunerative prices to Tobacco growers, Tobacco Board conducts e-auctions for sale of FCV tobacco on the designated auction platforms for encouraging competition among the traders to have better price discovery. Tobacco Board is implementing a scheme, namely, Growers Welfare's Scheme for the tobacco growers to meet immediate exigencies by providing loans for children education, illness, girl child marriage and barn repairs. The board is also providing relief in case of death of registered FCV tobacco growers. An amount of Rs. 59.06 Crore has been

distributed to the FCV tobacco farmers under the scheme, till February, 2021. Tobacco Board facilitates the Group personal accidental insurance policy for the farmers and general insurance to the infrastructure and tobacco stock in storage.
