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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1319  
TO BE ANSWER ON THE 30/07/2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEME FOR FARMING OF CROPS FOR TOBACCO GROWERS

1319. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any development scheme for tobacco crop alternatives for tobacco farmers currently, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any budget allocated to States for the last five years, if so, the States which are covered thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the lands have been shifted from tobacco farming to other alternative crops; and
- (d) if so, the acres of the land that have been shifted from tobacco crops to alternative crops and the name of such alternative crops?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing Crop Diversification Programme (CDP), an ongoing sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to encourage tobacco growing farmers to shift to alternative crops/cropping system w.e.f. 2015-16. Under CDP, tobacco growing states have been given flexibility to take suitable activities / interventions to shift from tobacco crops to alternative agricultural/horticultural crops. For motivating the farmers, states may also organize study tours / exposure visits and campaigns etc. for highlighting long term benefits of alternative crops.

(b) The CDP covers the tobacco growing states namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. However, Department of Agriculture, Maharashtra has not implemented the scheme as area is negligible under tobacco. The funds

(Central Share) allocated under CDP during last five years for implementation of the programme is as given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Allocation(B.E.) (Central Share)
2016-17	3000.00
2017-18	667.00
2018-19	667.00
2019-20	667.00
2020-21	1000.00

(c)& (d)The area under tobacco has declined from 4.67 lakh ha in 2014-15 to 4.04 lakh ha in 2019-20. Further, alternative crop demonstrations have been conducted on crops like pulses, oilseeds, coarse cereals, nutri cereals, vegetables, horticultural crops etc in an area of 5743 ha under CDP during 2020-21.

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