

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY TO TOBACCO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco farmers receive Central and State subsidies through the Ministry of Agriculture and through the Tobacco Board under the Ministry of Commerce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the nature and size of the subsidy;
- (c) whether subsidy is provided for other forms of tobacco cultivations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details regarding comprehensive picture of the total subsidy package for tobacco farmers including water, pesticides, barns, fertilizer, power, soft loans and credit and other facilities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (e) The Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce through Tobacco Board has been extending financial assistance to the Tobacco growers in the event of their crop damage and barn damage due to natural calamity in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Lately, financial assistance was given to the Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco farmers in Andhra Pradesh for the damages to their crops and barns due to cyclonic rains during November, 2008 in the following manner:

"100% subsidy on interest on additional loan availed by the affected farmers from the banks to re-transplantation of their damaged crops alongwith compensation of Rs.3,500/- and Rs.2,500/- per barn for fully and partially damaged barn."

The total financial assistance given on this account during 2009-10 was Rs. 10.04 Lakh for barn damage and Rs. 143.50 Lakh for subsidy on additional loan availed.