

**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;
- (e) the details regarding comprehensive picture of the total subsidy package for tobacco farmers including water pesticide barns, fertilizer, power soft loans and credit and other facilities;
- (f) whether tobacco manufacturers exporter and dealers of Andhra Pradesh face problems regarding disposing their old stock in market every season; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a-e) The Department of Commerce, through the Tobacco Board, has been extending financial assistance to the FCV Tobacco growers in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka in the event of their crop damage and barn damage due to natural calamity. For e.g. for the damages to their crops and barns due to cyclonic rains during November 2008, 106% subsidy on interest on additional loan was availed by the affected farmers from the banks for re-transplantation of their damaged crops along with a compensation of Rs.3,500/- and Rs.2,500/- per barn for fully and partially damaged barn respectively. The Board also extends a subsidy of 50% to SC/ST growers and 33% to other categories of growers on supply of lann machinery etc. Total subsidy extended by the Board to FCV tobacco growers in the year 2009-10 is Rs. 237. 21 lakh. In addition to this, growers of all types of tobacco are also eligible to get various other forms of subsidies from various Government agencies as are applicable to other farmers. The information on total subsidy package for tobacco farmers is not maintained Centrally.

(f) No Madam.

(g) Dose not arise.