

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PROGRAMME FOR TOBACCO FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch programmes to wean tobacco farmers away from growing tobacco and to offer alternative livelihood to people engaged in bidi rolling; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

a) & b) The Tobacco Board has been asked to formulate a rehabilitation package for FCV tobacco farmers for shifting to alternate crops, on a pilot basis. On the other hand, Ministry of Labour and Employment has initiated action for providing vocational training to beedi workers in following courses/trades according to the local needs as alternate source of livelihood. So far, training courses have been started in 7 Regions as follows:-

S.No REGION STATES PLACE NAME OF THE COURSE

1. Bangalore Karnataka Kengeri Stitching Salwar Kameez
2. Nagpur Maharashtra Solapur Dress-making, Embroidery & Beauty Parlour courses
3. Ajmer Rajasthan
  - (i) Ajmer Cutting & Tailoring Course
  - (ii) Tonk -do -
  - (iii) Beawar -do -
  - (iv) Karauli - do -
  - (v) Nasirabad - do -
  - (vi) Bundi - do -
  - (vii) Kota - do -
  - (viii) Silora - do -
  - (ix) Sujangarh - do -
4. Jabalpur Madhya Pradesh Indore Salwar Suit & Blouse designing & stitching.
5. Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh Karimnagar Tailoring
6. Kolkata West Bengal Murshidabad Tailoring
- 7 Bhubaneswar Orissa
  - (i) Cuttack Electrician, Fabrication, Automotive Repair, Tailoring and Garment manufacturing
  - (ii) Kendrapara - do -
  - (iii) Jharsuguda, - do -
  - (iv) Khurda - do -
  - (v) Sambalpur - do -