

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

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

- (a) whether the tobacco farmers receive Central and State subsidies through the Tobacco Board and if so, the details thereof along with the nature and amount of the subsidy being provided to the tobacco cultivators;
- (b) whether subsidy is being provided for all types of tobacco cultivations and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Tobacco Board has conducted any survey regarding the cultivation of tobacco in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the total area under cultivation of tobacco in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to encourage tobacco farming in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the comprehensive package being provided to the tobacco farmers along with the steps being taken to promote the production and export of tobacco from the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a- b) Madam, no subsidy amounts are received by the tobacco farmers either from Central Government or State Governments. However, only the FCV tobacco farmers receive subsidies through the Tobacco Board. An amount of Rs. 3.73 crore was provided as a subsidy to FCV tobacco growers during the financial year 2012-13 for farm mechanisation, improvement of yield and quality of tobacco, improvement of curing practices, farm trials and other extension programmes.

(c-d) No, Madam.

(e) No comprehensive package is being provided to the tobacco farmers. However, Tobacco Board implements many extension and development schemes to improve the productivity & quality of Indian tobacco and makes it more competitive in the international markets. Tobacco Board has also provided relief assistance to the FCV tobacco growers by way of compensation for crop/ barn damage of interest, subsidy on additional loans given by the scheduled banks whose barns and crop were damaged due to occurrence of heavy rains/ cyclones. Tobacco Board also participates in international exhibitions/fairs, exclusively for tobacco/tobacco products, for promotion of India tobacco/tobacco products in international market.