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## BOARD COMPOSITION (01/04/2024 TO 31/03/2025)

For the period under review, the Board was constituted as here under:

### **Chairman, appointed under section 4 of sub section 4 (a) by the Govt. of India**

Shri Chidipothu Yashwanth Kumar, Chairman, Tobacco Board

### **Members appointed under section 4 of sub section 4 (b) by the Govt. of India**

Shri Aravind Dharmapuri, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) (from 31/01/2023 to 05/06/2024)

Shri Vallabhaneni Balashowri, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) (from 31/01/2023 to 05/06/2024)

Shri G.V.L.Narasimha Rao, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) (from 13/01/2022 to 02/04/2024)

Shri Putta Mahesh Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) (from 25/02/2025 to till date)

Shri Thiru D.M.Kathir Anand, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) (from 25/02/2025 to till date)

Dr.K.Laxman, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) (from 25/02/2025 to till date)

### **Members appointed under section 4 of sub section 4 (c) by the Govt. of India**

Shri Vijay Raj Mohan, Director (Trade- dealing with Agriculture), Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture. (from 31/12/2021 to 30/12/2024)

Shri Abhimanyu Kumar, I.A.S., Director (dealing with Commerce), Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce. (from 31/12/2021 to 30/12/2024)

Dr.C.Vanlal Ram Sanga, Economic Adviser (dealing with Finance), Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce. (from 31/12/2021 to 30/12/2024)

SmtSampa Saha, Director (dealing with Industrial development) Govt. of India, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. (from 31/12/2021 to 30/12/2024)

Shri Maganti Seshu Madhav, Director, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajamahendravaram (from 31/12/2021 to 30/12/2024)

ShriS.J.Solanki, I.A.S., Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Gujarat. (from 31/12/2021 to 30/12/2024)

Dr. G.T.Puthra, Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Karnataka. (from 31/12/2021 to 30/12/2024)

Shri Gopal Krishna Dwivedi, I.A.S., Special Chief Secretary, Deptt., of Food, Agriculture & cooperation, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh. (from 31/12/2021 to 30/12/2024)

### **Members appointed under section 4 of sub section 4 (d) by the Govt. of India**

Vacant- Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Maharashtra

Vacant - Director of Agriculture & Food Products, Govt. of Odisha

### **Members appointed under section 4 of sub section 4 (e) by the Govt. of India**

Shri H.C.Basavaraju,

Shri Mareddy Subrahmanyeswara Reddy (from 02/03/2022 to 01/03/2025)

Shri Poda Vara Prasada Rao

Shri H.R.Dinesh

Shri Mittapalli Ramesh Babu

Shri Koppuravuri Ramesh Babu

Shri Vikramraj G.C.

Shri Boddapati Brahmaiah

Shri Gutta Vasu Babu

Shri B.Ramesh Pai

### **Member, appointed under section 4 of sub section 4 (f) - ex-officio by the Govt. of India**

Dr. Nadendla Vijaya Lakshmi, IAS Agricultural Marketing adviser to the Govt. of India (from 31/12/2021 to 30/12/2024)

### **Member, appointed under section 4 of sub section 4 (g) - ex-officio by the Govt. of India**

Dr. A.Sridhar Babu, I.A.S., Executive Director, Tobacco Board, Guntur (up to 11/03/2025)

Shri Srinivas B.C. I.R.S., Executive Director i/c, Tobacco Board, Guntur (from 12/03/2025 to 18/03/2025)

Smt.Vishwasree B, I.A.S., Executive Director, Tobacco Board, Guntur (from 19/03/2025 till date)

## SENIOR MANAGEMENT

(As on 31/03/2025)

|                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chairman                                                    | : Shri CHIDIPOTHU YASHWANTH KUMAR (02/11/2023 to till date)                                                                                                                  |
| Executive Director                                          | : Dr. SRIDHAR BABU ADDANKI, I.A.S (up to 11/03/2025)<br>Shri SRINIVAS B.C. I.R.S. (from 12/03/2025 to 18/03/2025)<br>Smt VISHWASREE B, I.A.S. (from 19/03/2025 to till date) |
| Director (Auctions)                                         | : Smt. MASHWINI NAIDU, I.F.S.<br>Director (Auctions) (up to 06/10/2024)<br>Shri SRINIVAS B.C. I.R.S.<br>Director (Auctions) (from 07/10/2024 to till date)                   |
| Manager (Auctions) & Secretary i/c                          | : Shri D. VENUGOPAL (01/07/2022 to till date)                                                                                                                                |
| Manager (Marketing & Exports)                               | : Shri B. SYAM PRASAD (up to 28/02/2025)<br>Shri B. MARANNA i/c (from 01/03/2025)                                                                                            |
| Manager (Production)                                        | : Dr. M. KRISHNA SRI (up to 31/12/2024)<br>Shri G. BULLI SUBBA RAO (from 01/01/2025 to 28/02/2025)<br>Shri K.V. RAMANJANEYULU (from 01/03/2025)                              |
| Manager (Extension)                                         | : Shri G. DAMODAR (upto 31/03/2025)                                                                                                                                          |
| Manager (GWF)                                               | : Shri B. MARANNA                                                                                                                                                            |
| Manager (Finance & Accounts) i/c                            | : Smt M. RATNABAYAMMA (30/09/2022 to till date)                                                                                                                              |
| Manager (Trading Wing)                                      | : Shri H.K. GOPAL (up to 10/01/2025)<br>Shri B. SYAM PRASAD (from 11/01/2025 to 28/02/2025)<br>Shri B. MARANNA (from 01/03/2025)                                             |
| Regional Manager (SBS & SLS, Ongole)                        | Dr. M. KRISHNA SRI (up to 31/12/2024)<br>Shri G. BULLI SUBBA RAO<br>(from 01/01/2025 to 14/01/2025)<br>Shri M. LAKSHMANA RAO (from 15/01/2025 to 31/03/2025)                 |
| Regional Manager(Mysuru)                                    | Shri G. BULLI SUBBA RAO (up to 29/09/2024)<br>Shri M. LAKSHMANA RAO (from 30/09/2024 to 13/01/2025)<br>Shri H.K. GOPAL (from 13/01/2025)                                     |
| Regional Manager (Periyapatna)                              | Shri G. BULLI SUBBA RAO (from 01/08/2023 to 29/09/2024)<br>Shri M.LAKSHMANA RAO (from 30/09/2024 to 13/01/2025)<br>Shri H.K.GOPAL i/c (from 13/01/2025)                      |
| Regional Manager (NLS - Rajamahendravaram)                  | Shri M. ADISESHIAH (up to 30/06/2024)<br>Shri G.L.K. PRASAD i/c (from 01/07/2024 to till date)                                                                               |
| O.S.D (Vigilance Squad)                                     | Shri S. RAMA RAO (20/09/2023 to 31/03/2025)                                                                                                                                  |
| Asst. Manager (Planning & Coordination) & Personnel Officer | Shri Y.V. NAMASSIVAYA (up to 31/08/2024)<br>Shri I. RAVI KUMAR (from 01/09/2024 to till date)                                                                                |

|                   |                                |          |            |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| <b>Personnel:</b> | <b>Senior Level Management</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>51</b>  |
|                   | <b>Middle Level Management</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>55</b>  |
|                   | <b>Junior Level Management</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>107</b> |
|                   | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>:</b> | <b>213</b> |

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## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE



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CHAIRMAN



**VISHWASREE B, I.A.S.**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**SRINIVAS B.C., I.R.S.**  
DIRECTOR (AUCTIONS)



**D. VENUGOPAL**  
MANAGER (AUCTIONS)  
SECRETARY I/c



**B. MARANNA**  
MANAGER (G.W.F.),  
MANAGER  
(MKTG & EXPORTS)  
& MANAGER  
(TRADING WING) i/c



**K.V. RAMANJANEYULU**  
MANAGER  
(PRODUCTION) i/c



**G. DAMODAR**  
MANAGER  
(EXTENSION)



**M. RATNABAYAMMA**  
MANAGER  
(FINANCE & ACCOUNTS) I/c



**M. LAKSHMANA RAO**  
REGIONAL MANAGER I/C  
SBS & SLS - ONGOLE



**G.L.K. PRASAD**  
REGIONAL MANAGER I/C  
NLS  
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM



**H.K. GOPAL**  
REGIONAL MANAGER  
MYSURU &  
PERIYAPATNA i/c

## Tobacco Board's Activities during 2024-2025 - A Review

Tobacco Board was constituted by the Government of India, under "TOBACCO BOARD ACT, 1975", for overall development of the Tobacco Industry. The Board's primary role is to facilitate smooth functioning of the vibrant farming system; ensure fair and remunerative prices to tobacco farmers and promotion of exports.

Tobacco is one of the important commercial crops grown in India. It provides employment directly and indirectly to 46.00 million people and ₹ **16,728.02** crore in terms of foreign exchange to the National exchequer, during 2024-25. India is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest producer of Tobacco, 2<sup>nd</sup> largest exporter of unmanufactured tobacco in the world in value terms and quantity terms respectively. India produces different styles of FCV tobacco, which vary in their physical and chemical characteristics. Indian tobacco and tobacco products are exported to **127** countries across the globe during 2024-25. FCV tobacco is grown in Traditional Black Soils (TBS), Northern Light Soils (NLS), Southern Light Soils (SLS) and Karnataka Light Soils (KLS). The tobacco produced in India has a wide range in quality such as semi-flavourful to flavourful (NLS & ELS), quality neutral filler (KLS & SLS) and good filler (TBS) styles. During 2024-25 crop season, Tobacco Board has fixed a crop size of **267 million kg** for cultivation of FCV tobacco. Tobacco Board incurred an expenditure of ₹**358.07 lakh** on extension and development schemes for improvement of yield and quality of tobacco. During the year 2024-25 the Board marketed a quantity of **288.39 million kg (Karnataka 81.90 m.kg & Andhra Pradesh 206.49 million kg as on 31/03/2025)** in its auction platforms in both Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka at an **average price of ₹ 283.69 per kg** as against **263.18 million kg** marketed at an average price of ₹ **238.91 per kg** during the year 2023-24. India has a fairly diversified base of production for exports and provides a one-stop shop for different styles, qualities and price ranges. Indian exports of unmanufactured tobacco and tobacco products have registered the highest ever exports of **1,979.00** million USD during 2024-25 registering a growth of **36.53%** over the exports made during 2023-24 and also achieved the export target set for 2024-25.

The Board has been privileged with coveted ISO 9001:2015 certificate in recognition of its quality services to growers and its activities related to the development of Tobacco Industry from M/s DNV Business Assurance and the certificate is valid till 18/03/2028.

## ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2024-25

During 2024-25, the Tobacco Board achieved a historic milestone by recording the highest-ever exports of tobacco and tobacco products at USD 1,979 million, a 37% increase over the USD 1,449.54 million exported in 2023-24. In value terms, tobacco exports contributed ₹16,728 crore in foreign exchange earnings, reaffirming the sector's continued significance to India's export basket and its support to farmers, traders, and allied industries.

This achievement reflects the resilience, competitiveness, and strong global demand for Indian tobacco. It also underscores the Tobacco Board's efforts to strengthen India's position as a reliable supplier in the international tobacco market while contributing to export growth and foreign exchange inflows.

The Board maintained a transparent, fully electronic auction system for FCV tobacco during 2024-25. A total of 288.39 million kg was marketed, and growers realized a record weighted average price of ₹283.69 per kg, with the highest-ever price of ₹411 per kg. To safeguard growers' interests, sale proceeds were directly credited to growers' bank accounts within nine days. The Board also upgraded auction infrastructure to provide improved facilities for all stakeholders.

In response to adverse weather conditions, the Board allowed registered growers to sell excess FCV tobacco in Andhra Pradesh (2023-24) and Karnataka (2024-25) at normal service charges without penalties, as permitted through a Ministry of Commerce & Industry notification. This measure reduced financial stress on affected growers.

Following directions from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the Working Group/Expert Committee tasked with developing a weather-based crop insurance scheme for FCV tobacco under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) has finalized the draft term sheets.

## MEETINGS DURING 2024-2025

### A) Statutory meetings:

Two Board Meetings and four committee meetings were held.

#### Board Meetings:

1. The 163<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board was held on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 (Friday) at 11.30 A.M. through blended mode.
2. The 164<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board was held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 (Monday) at 11.00 A.M. through blended mode.

#### Registration Committee for Growers and Others:

1. The 101<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Registration Committee for growers and others was held on 19/07/2024 (Friday) at 02.00 P.M. through hybrid mode.
2. The 102<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Registration Committee for growers and others was held on 30/12/2024 (Monday) at 11.00 A.M. through hybrid mode.
3. The 103<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Registration Committee for growers and others was held on 24/02/2025 (Monday) at 03.00 P.M. through hybrid mode.

#### Registration Committee for Traders and Manufacturers:

1. The 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Registration Committee for Traders and Manufacturers was held on 27/09/2024 (Friday) at 11.30 A.M. through hybrid mode.

### B) Non-Statutory meetings:

1. A meeting was conducted on 28/05/2024 at Head Office, Tobacco Board, Guntur with I.T.A. & Trade Representatives to discuss on "Godown Management".
2. A meeting was conducted on 05/09/2024 through virtual from Head Office, Guntur with Growers representatives in Karnataka & the ITA and Trade representatives to discuss the issue related to commencement of auctions for sale of 2024-25 FCV tobacco crop in Karnataka.
3. A meeting was conducted on 03/12/2024 at Head Office, Guntur with ITA & Trade Representatives to review on on-going 2024-25 Karnataka FCV tobacco auctions.
4. A meeting was conducted on 25/02/2025 at Rythu Bhawan, Tobacco Board Guntur with Grower Representatives and ITA & Trade Representatives to discuss on commencement of auctions for sale of 2024-25 FCV tobacco crop in Andhra Pradesh.



**Shri Chidipothu Yashwanth Kumar, Chairman, Tobacco Board and Dr. A. Sridhar Babu, I.A.S. Executive Director and Members of the Board participated in the 163<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting held on 19/07/2024 at Guntur**

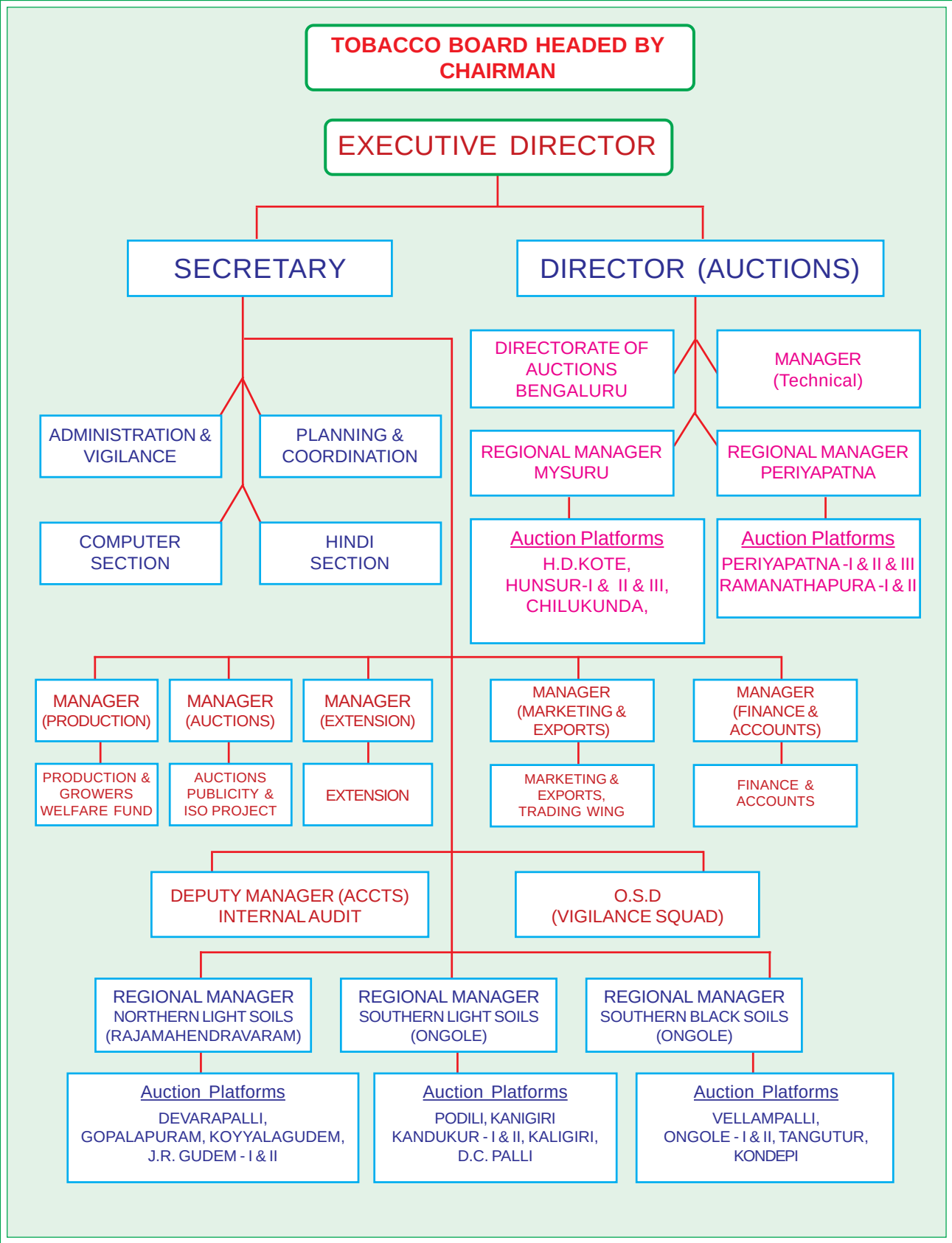


**Shri Chidipothu Yashwanth Kumar, Chairman, Tobacco Board and Dr. A. Sridhar Babu, I.A.S. Executive Director and Members of the Board participated in the 164<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held on 24/02/2025 at Guntur**

STATEMENT SHOWING THE SANCTIONED & EXISTING STRENGTH AS ON 31/03/2025

| Sl. No.                           | Name of the Post             | TOTAL      |          |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|----------|
|                                   |                              | Sanctioned | Existing |
| GROUP-A - SENIOR LEVEL MANAGEMENT |                              |            |          |
| 1                                 | Chairman                     | 1          | 1        |
| 2                                 | Executive Director           | 1          | 1        |
| 3                                 | Director (Auctions)          | 1          | 1        |
| 4                                 | Secretary                    | 1          | 0        |
| 5                                 | Manager / Regional Manager   | 10         | 4        |
| 6                                 | Deputy Manager(Accts)        | 1          | 0        |
| 7                                 | Auction Superintendent/SGO   | 55         | 42       |
| 8                                 | Assistant Manager(Accts)     | 33         | 2        |
| 9                                 | Statistical Officer          | 1          | 0        |
| 10                                | Systems Analyst              | 1          | 0        |
| Sub-Total                         |                              | 105        | 51       |
| GROUP-B - MIDDLE LEVEL MANAGEMENT |                              |            |          |
| 11                                | Programmer                   | 1          | 0        |
| 12                                | Hindi Officer                | 1          | 0        |
| 13                                | P.S. to Chairman             | 1          | 0        |
| 14                                | Field Officer/Tech.Assistant | 88         | 34       |
| 15                                | Senior Translator            | 1          | 1        |
| 16                                | Stenographer-Grade-I         | 1          | 0        |
| 17                                | Accountant                   | 33         | 18       |
| 18                                | Senior Investigator          | 1          | 0        |
| 19                                | Assistant                    | 13         | 0        |
| 20                                | Statistical Assistant        | 1          | 1        |
| 21                                | Care Taker                   | 1          | 0        |
| 22                                | Stenographer Grade-II        | 3          | 1        |
| 23                                | Special Grade Driver         | 1          | 0        |
| Sub Total                         |                              | 146        | 55       |
| GROUP-C - JUNIOR LEVEL MANAGEMENT |                              |            |          |
| 24                                | Computer Operator            | 27         | 9        |
| 25                                | Stenographer Grade-III       | 4          | 3        |
| 26                                | Upper Division Clerk (U.D.C) | 43         | 13       |
| 27                                | Sr. Field Assistant          | 45         | 2        |
| 28                                | Field Assistant              | 158        | 23       |
| 29                                | Lower Division Clerk (L.D.C) | 52         | 33       |
| 30                                | Hindi Typist                 | 2          | 1        |
| 31                                | Driver                       | 31         | 6        |
| 32                                | Gestetner Operator           | 1          | 0        |
| 33                                | Multi Tasking Staff          | 140        | 17       |
| Sub-Total                         |                              | 503        | 107      |
| GRAND TOTAL                       |                              | 754        | 213      |

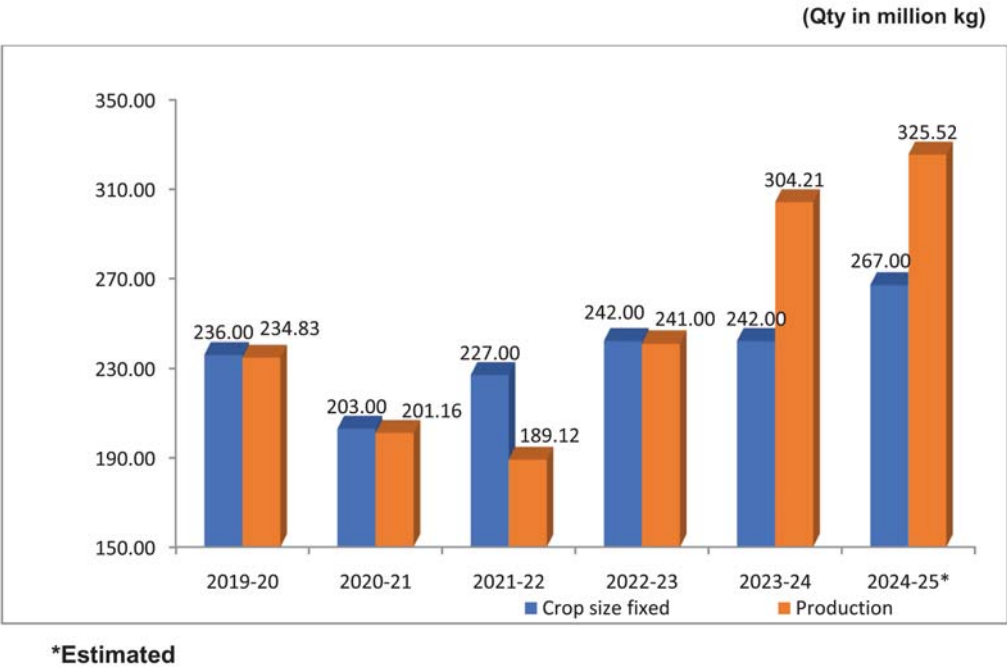
ORGANISATIONAL CHART OF TOBACCO BOARD



CROP PLANNING AND REGULATION

I) TRENDS IN PRODUCTION OF FCV TOBACCO IN INDIA

FCV tobacco production in the last six years had been fluctuating from year to year. These wide fluctuations reflect weather impacts on yield as well as market dynamics in terms of price elasticity of supply. FCV tobacco production has registered a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 5.31% during the last 5 years (i.e., from 2019-20 to 2023-24) and it was 5.59% including the year 2024-25.



II) FCV TOBACCO PRODUCTION POLICY FOR 2024-25:

Tobacco Board had fixed a total crop size of 267 million kgs for cultivation of FCV tobacco during 2024-25 crop season as against 242.00 million kg fixed during 2023-24 crop season. A crop size of 100 million kg was fixed by the Board in its162<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 16/02/2024 for the state of Karnataka for 2024-25 crop season. In Andhra Pradesh, Board in its 163<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting held on 19/07/2024 fixed crop size of 167.00 million kgs for cultivation of FCV tobacco during 2024-25 crop season. The soil region wise crop size fixed during 2024-25 crop season in comparison with 2023-24 crop season is as follows:

| Soil Region  | 2024-25 crop season<br>(million kg.) | 2023-24 crop season<br>(million kg.) |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| NLS Region   | 58.25                                | 49.48                                |
| SLS Region   | 56.01                                | 48.33                                |
| SBS Region   | 49.26                                | 41.65                                |
| NBS Region   | 3.48                                 | 2.54                                 |
| Sub Total:   | 167.00                               | 142.00                               |
| KLS Region   | 100.00                               | 100.00                               |
| Grand Total: | 267.00                               | 242.00                               |

III) PRODUCTION POLICY FOR 2024-25 - HIGHLIGHTS:

The Board's policy framework for regulating production during 2024-25 crop season is as follows:

- The objective of the policy is to regulate the area under cultivation of FCV tobacco while concentrating on quality of product with focus on controlling excess and unauthorized cultivation of tobacco.
- Area under FCV tobacco cultivation shall be reduced and diverted to other alternate crop/cropping systems.
- The excess production shall be dealt sternly to limit the production strictly to the crop size fixed so as to ensure fair and remunerative prices to the growers.
- The FCV tobacco cultivation shall not be allowed to be taken up in saline areas, paddy fallows and unsuitable soils to avoid quality problems. These areas shall be diverted to other crops.
- Stringent action shall be initiated, as per the Board Act and Rules made there under, against the growers who are constructing / constructed unauthorized barns and are taking up unauthorized cultivation of tobacco.

IV) REGISTRATION CRITERIA FOR 2024-25 - HIGHLIGHTS:

The following criteria were laid down for renewal of registration or registration of growers during 2024-25 crop season.

- All growers/barns registered with the Board in 2023-24 crop season are eligible for renewal of registration in 2024-25 subject to the condition that the growers shall possess a fit barn and suitable lands for growing Virginia tobacco on his own or taken on lease and should not have violated Tobacco Board Act or Rules made there under.

- No new growers will be permitted to take up FCV tobacco cultivation by constructing new barns and no new areas will be allowed for FCV tobacco cultivation. (Construction of new barns will not be licensed).
- Growers registered in 2023-24 but have outstanding dues / to pay penalties / involved in barn disputes / to repair unfit barns / to submit certain documents for transfer of registration shall fulfil these conditions before stipulated date for grant of renewal of registration.
- Grower applicants who are registered in 2023-24 crop season and submitted Form-II & III returns in proof of cultivation and curing of tobacco but have not sold tobacco on the auction platforms will be considered for registration subject to payment of stipulated penalties.
- Grower applicants who are registered in 2023-24 crop season but have sold less than 25% and 50% of the declared quota in Form-III returns will be considered for registration subject to payment of stipulated penalties.
- Registered grower owning an unauthorized barn on his own or on the name of his family members shall have to dysfunction the unauthorized barn and submit the affidavit stating that the barn will not be renovated again in future to be eligible for grant of renewal of registration.
- Grower applicants applied without support of licensed curing facility (barns)/unauthorized barns/ barns ineligible for registration/ seeking licence for construction of new barns/ indulged in activities which are in violation of Tobacco Board Act, Rules & Regulations are ineligible for registration during 2024-25 crop season.

#### **V) SHIFTING OF LICENSED BARNs:**

Shifting of licensed barns against construction of new barns or against regularization of Unauthorized barns within the same soil region by self or sale is allowed during 2024-25 crop season in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh States.

#### **VI) SOIL REGION WISE AREA AND PRODUCTION QUOTA AUTHORIZED FOR 2024-25:**

The soil region wise area authorized for cultivation and quota authorized for production per barn in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during 2024-25 crop season are as follows:

##### **Andhra Pradesh**

The Registration Committee in its 101<sup>st</sup> held on 19/07/2024 at Head Office, Guntur fixed production quota per barn soil region wise in Andhra Pradesh. Later, the nil planted grower's quota and left over crop size was distributed to the growers who have planted tobacco and the soil region wise final quota authorized per barn to planted growers during 2024-25 Andhra Pradesh crop season after distribution of Nil Planted grower's quota and left over crop size are as follows:

| Soil Region               | Area Registered (ha) |         | Production Quota (Kg/Barn)             |                                                                                               |                                        |                                                                                                |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                           | 2024-25              | 2023-24 | 2024-25                                |                                                                                               | 2023-24                                |                                                                                                |
|                           |                      |         | Initial Quota authorized per barn (kg) | Final quota authorised after distribution of nil planted growers quota and leftover crop size | Initial Quota authorized per barn (kg) | Final quota authorised after distribution of nil planted grower's quota and leftover crop size |
| Northern Light Soil (NLS) | 1.75                 | 1.60    | 4125                                   | 4165                                                                                          | 3500                                   | 3540                                                                                           |
| Southern Light Soil (SLS) | 3.37                 | 2.90    | 4275                                   | 4295                                                                                          | 3650                                   | 3690                                                                                           |
| Southern Black Soil (SBS) | 2.22                 | 1.90    | 4175                                   | 4190                                                                                          | 3550                                   | 3590                                                                                           |
| Northern Black Soil (NBS) | 1.84                 | 1.10    | 3529                                   | 3539                                                                                          | 2094                                   | 3400                                                                                           |

\* N.L.S. includes ELS also

Karnataka

The production quota of 1715 kg per Simplex barn was fixed in Karnataka initially during 2024-25 crop season. The nil planted grower's quota was distributed to registered growers planted tobacco for 2024-25 crop season and the revised quotas after allocation of nil planted grower's quota are as follows:

| Barn         | Area Registered (ha) |         | Production Quota (Kg/Barn)             |                                                                            |                                        |                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|              | 2024-25              | 2023-24 | 2024-25                                |                                                                            | 2023-24                                |                                                                                                                                               |
|              |                      |         | Initial Quota authorized per barn (kg) | Final quota after distribution of leftover nil planted grower's quota (kg) | Initial Quota authorized per barn (kg) | Final quota after distribution of leftover nil planted grower's quota& leftover quota of barns having break-in-registration more than 3 years |
| Simplex Barn | 1.70                 | 1.40    | 1806                                   | 1828                                                                       | 1715                                   | 1827                                                                                                                                          |
| Duplex Barn  | 3.40                 | 2.80    | 3612                                   | 3656                                                                       | 3430                                   | 3654                                                                                                                                          |

VII) PRODUCTION REGULATION CAMPAIGN:

The Board had undertaken Production Regulation Campaign during 2024-25 crop season to prevent excess/unauthorized production of FCV tobacco through personal contacts, group meetings in the villages and mass contact programmes. Public communication strategies such as posters, distribution of pamphlets, playing of audio cassettes, electronic and print media were used to appeal to the growers to prevent excess/unauthorized production of FCV tobacco. 88 meetings in Andhra Pradesh and 81 meetings in Karnataka were conducted by field staff in villages as a part of production regulation campaign during 2024-25.

## VIII) PARTICULARS OF GROWERS REGISTERED DURING 2024-25:

During 2024-25 crop season, a total of 83,544 growers covering 91,048.51 barns were registered with the Board for cultivation of FCV tobacco. Of them, 43,041 growers covering 39,611.51 barns were registered for cultivation of tobacco in Andhra Pradesh (As on 31/03/2025). An area of 95,243.61 ha., was authorized for production of FCV tobacco against which an area of 1,17,492.11 ha., was actually planted. In Karnataka, 40,503 growers covering 51437 barns were registered for cultivation of tobacco. As against an area of 87,442.90 ha., authorized for cultivation, an area of 69,049.30 ha., was planted under FCV tobacco.

The auction platform wise particulars of growers, barns and area registered, quantity authorized and area planted under FCV tobacco in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh for 2024-25 crop season and final registration particulars in Andhra Pradesh for 2023-24 crop season are furnished at Page No's. from 25 to 29.

## IX) REPORT ON 2024-25 KARNATAKA CROP

### Nursery:

The sowing of seeds in the nursery beds commenced from second week of February and ended by last week of April 2024. The area sown under Nursery during 2024-25 in Karnataka was 527.67 ha, which is lower by 10.14% when compared to previous year (587.20 ha). Majority of the growers have taken up tray nursery to achieve better establishment and uniform growth of seedlings. The growth of the nursery was good and was free from pest and diseases.



CH3 is the major variety sown covering 335.02 ha occupying 63.49% of the total nursery area sown followed by Kanchana, FCH-222 hybrid and Others which were sown in an area of 134.39 ha. (25.46%), 58.23 ha. (11.03%) and 0.03 ha. (0.01%) respectively.

### Main field:

During this year, plantations have commenced during the month of April and majority transplantation have been completed by the end of May in Karnataka. Establishment of seedlings in the main field is good. FCV tobacco was planted in total area of 69049.30 ha., in Karnataka during 2024-25, which is higher by 8.90 % as compared to 63404.25 ha., planted during the previous year. Out of the total area planted, about 43874.02 ha (63.54%) of area planted is under CH3 variety, 19627.28 ha. is under Kanchana (28.43%), 5540.30 ha. is under FCH-222 (8.02%) and 7.70 ha., is under other varieties (0.01%).



| Plantation Stage                                   | 2024-25  |        | 2023-24  |        |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Early Plantation<br>(Up to 31 <sup>st</sup> May)   | 68164.00 | 98.72  | 63289.05 | 99.82% |
| Middle Plantation<br>(Up to 15 <sup>th</sup> June) | 285.40   | 0.41   | 10.00    | 0.02%  |
| Late Plantation<br>(After 15 <sup>th</sup> June)   | 599.90   | 0.87   | 105.20   | 0.16%  |
| Total:                                             | 69049.30 | 100.00 | 63404.25 | 100.00 |

Crop growth in Karnataka:

The majority of the crop was planted early this year. The crop established well in the initial stage. Later, the crop exposed to heavy rains during crop growth period in the months of May, June and July, 2024, which caused delay in farm operations and due to which the crop growth was stunted. Overall, plant growth and development in most of the areas was average during this year when compared to last year.

Pests and Diseases:

No incidence of major pests and diseases was noticed in the main field during 2024-25 crop season. Leaf curl Virus and leaf eating caterpillar incidence was observed in certain patches and growers were advised to take up control measures as per the recommendation of CTRI, Hunsur.

Harvestings & Curings:

Initial two to three curings were comparatively good when compared to last 3 to 4 curings which were taken up after heavy rains. On an average 6 to 7 curings were taken up per barn. The cured leaves are thin bodied with lemon colour. Black perished leaf production is more and stick weight is less compared to last year. Overall, the quality of tobacco is average with more of medium and low grades compared to previous season.

### Yields:

The average yield per ha., during 2024-25 is at around 1229 kg/ha as compared to last year productivity of 1401 kg/ha. A total crop of 84.86 million kg was marketed with a grade out turn of 23:40:37 in terms of Bright, Medium and Low grades as against 88.86 million kg marketed in 2023-24 with a grade out turn of 31:45:24.

### X). REPORT ON 2024-25 ANDHRA PRADESH CROP:

Nursery sowings commenced during the month of August in Southern Light Soil and Black Soil region and during the month of September in Northern Light Soil region in Andhra Pradesh during 2024-25 crop season. Total area sown under nursery during 2024-25 in Andhra Pradesh was 896.96 ha. as against 1130.43 ha., sown during previous year. No major incidence of pest and disease was observed during this season. The seedling prices were around ₹1500/- to ₹2500/- per bundle (6000 seedlings) in SLS and SBS regions. In NLS region, the prices were around ₹3000 to ₹3500 per bundle.

### Varieties:

FCR-15 is the major variety sown in 653.94 ha., in Southern Light Soils & Traditional Black Soil regions accounting for about 80.83% of the total Nursery area in these regions (808.99 ha.,). The other variety sown in these regions is Siri (155.05 ha). In Northern Light soil region, LV-7 is the major variety sown in an area of about 45.24 ha., accounting for about 51.42% of the total Nursery area in this region (87.97 ha.). The other variety grown in NLS region is 1353 in an area of 30.22 ha. (34.35%).

### Main field:

During 2024-25 crop season in Andhra Pradesh, transplantations have commenced during the month of October 2024 in SLS, SBS & NLS regions and during the month of November 2024 in NBS Region. A total area of 117492.11 ha. was transplanted in Andhra Pradesh which is more by 20.97% as against 97127.07 ha., planted during 2023-24 crop season. The area planted under Early (before 15<sup>th</sup> October), Middle (between 15<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> November) and Late (after 15<sup>th</sup> November) plantation was in the ratio of 4:41:56.

In Southern Light Soil and Southern Black Soil areas, FCR-15 was the dominant variety cultivated in an area of 78981.90 ha., accounting for 89.76 % of total area planted in these regions. In NLS, 1353 variety was grown in an area of 17068.57 ha. accounting for 61.55 % of total area planted in this region (27731.54 ha) and LV-7 variety was grown in area of 10166.33 ha (36.66%).

| Plantation Stage                                              | 2024-25          |                | 2023-24         |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Early Plantation</b><br>(Up to 15 <sup>th</sup> October)   | 4157.68          | 3.54%          | 4310.64         | 4.44%          |
| <b>Middle Plantation</b><br>(Up to 15 <sup>th</sup> November) | 48049.62         | 40.90%         | 42171.63        | 43.42%         |
| <b>Late Plantation</b><br>(After 15 <sup>th</sup> November)   | 65284.81         | 55.56%         | 50644.80        | 52.14%         |
| <b>Total:</b>                                                 | <b>117492.11</b> | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>97127.07</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

## CROP GROWTH IN ANDHRA PRADESH:

### NORTHERN LIGHT SOILS (NLS) CROP

Total plantation in Northern Light Soil region this year was **27731.54** ha., which is more by 17% when compared to **23695.61** ha., planted in 2023-24. The crop condition was good with good leaf spread. No incidence of major pests and diseases were noticed in the main field in NLS region. Leaf curl Virus and black shank disease incidence was observed in certain patches and growers were



advised to take up control measures as per the recommendation of CTIRI. The yields are good and low grade out turn is slighter higher when compared to last year.

### SOUTHERN LIGHT SOILS (SLS) CROP

Total plantation in Southern Light Soil region this year was 51908.30 ha., which is more by 22.50% when compared to 42374.55 ha., planted during 2023-24. The Orabanche infestation was noticed in the fields and due to which false ripening of leaves was noticed in those fields. The condition of the crop in SLS region is average. The yields are average and low-grade production is more this year compared to last year.

### TRADITIONAL BLACK SOILS (TBS) CROP

Total plantation in Southern Black Soil region this year was 36080.40 ha., which is more by 20.36% when compared to 29976.15 ha. planted during 2023-24. The Orabanche infestation is noticed in some fields and due to which false ripening of leaves was noticed in those fields. The yields are average and low-grade production is more this year compared to last year.

Total area planted in Northern Black Soils (NBS) during 2024-25 is 1771.87 ha. which is more by 63.95% when compared to 1080.76 ha. are planted during last year. Crop quality this year is rated as average.

## HARVESTINGS

8 - 10 curings were taken up on an average in Northern Light Soil areas. In Southern Black Soil and Southern Light Soil areas, 8 - 9 curings were taken up on an average. The estimated grade out turn in terms of Bright, Medium and Low grades is in the ratio of 35:32:33 in SLS region and 42:28:30 in SBS region. In NLS region, the grade out turn is in the ratio of 58:29:13.



## YIELDS:

During 2024-25 crop season, FCV tobacco production in Andhra Pradesh is estimated 240.66 million kg. The production in NLS is 77.49 million kg. The production in SLS and SBS regions is 83.94 and 76.00 million kg respectively. The production in NBS region is at 3.23 million kg. The estimated average yields are 1617 kg/ha in Southern Light Soils, 2106 kg/ha in Southern Black Soils, 2794 kg/ha in Northern Light soils and 1823 kg/ha in Northern Black soils.

## XI. SALE OF EXCESS/UNAUTHORIZED TOBACCO:

During 2023-24 crop season in Andhra Pradesh, the excess tobacco produced by registered growers over and above the authorized quota was allowed for sale by levying normal applicable service charges as per Government Notification No.2819, S.O.No's 2956(E) & 2957(E), dated 24/07/2024.

During 2024-25 crop season in Karnataka, the excess tobacco produced by registered growers over and above the authorized quota and tobacco produced by unregistered growers was allowed for sale by levying normal applicable service charges as per Government Notification S.O. No's.858(E) and 859(E), dated 17/02/2025.

## XII. INCLUSION OF FCV TOBACCO CROP UNDER THE RESTRUCTURED WEATHER BASED CROP INSURANCE SCHEME (RWBCIS):

A consultative workshop was organized by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India on 23/12/2024 in collaboration with Department of Commerce and various Plantation Boards overseeing Tea, Coffee, Rubber, Spices, Tobacco as well as Coconut Development Board; State Governments Officials from plantation growing States and experts from Insurance and Re-insurance industry to finalize the modalities for integrating Plantation crops and coconut palm into the risk protection frame work of the Restructured Weather based crop Insurance Scheme RWBCIS under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

Basing on the outcome of the consultative workshop, the DA&FW and the Department of Commerce have recommended for constitution of an expert committee for drafting the term sheets necessary for notifying FCV tobacco for insurance coverage. The Department of Commerce vide Letter No. 5/7/2024-EP(Agri-VI) dated 27/12/2024 has constituted a working group/expert committee for developing implementation modalities of Weather-based insurance scheme for FCV tobacco crop (proposed to be extended under PMFBY) along with terms of reference.

As per the directions of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Commerce, the Working Group/Expert Committee constituted to explore modalities for a weather-based crop insurance scheme for FCV tobacco (proposed under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare) has finalized the draft term sheets.

### **XIII. PROMOTION OF ALTERNATIVE CROPS TO TOBACCO:**

As a part of Key Result Areas (KRAs) for Tobacco Board, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India vide its communication No.5/2/2018-EP(Agri-VI), dated 20/05/2019 has directed the Board to promote alternative crops by conducting awareness programmes on alternative crops to FCV tobacco in key tobacco areas in coordination with CTRI and implement crop diversification schemes/ take up alternative crop cultivation, in co-ordination with State Agriculture and Horticulture Departments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

For 2024-25 crop season, Tobacco Board conducted grower awareness meetings in collaboration with CTRI and Agricultural Departments of Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka states in key tobacco areas viz., Jangareddygudem, Koyyalagudem, Gopalapuram, Kandukur, Podili, Kaligiri, D.C Palli, Ongole, Tangutur and Kondepi in Andhra Pradesh and H.D Kote, Hunsur, Chilukunda, Kaggundi and Ramanathapura in Karnataka for promotion of alternative crops.

### **XIV. PRODUCTION RELATED SERVICES TO FARMERS:**

#### **A. SOIL AND WATER ANALYSIS**

Every year, Tobacco Board organizes collection and analysis of soil and water samples of registered tobacco growers at free of cost. Basing on analysis results, Board advises growers on suitability of soil and irrigation water for tobacco cultivation and on usage of correct dose of fertilizers for improving quality and yields. During 2024-25 crop season, 2300 soil samples and 625 water samples in Andhra Pradesh state were analyzed by utilizing the services of KVK, Darsi and IPL, Tirupathi.

In Karnataka State, 4200 samples for both macro and micro nutrients were analyzed utilizing the services of RCF Limited, Gowdahally, Kolar District. The results were communicated to the concerned growers.

| State          | Soil Samples for<br>Macro & Micro nutrients | Water Samples |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Andhra Pradesh | 2300                                        | 625           |
| Karnataka      | 4200                                        | ---           |
| Total          | 6500                                        | 625           |

**B. BARN AND STOCK INSURANCE FOR FCV TOBACCO GROWERS:**

The Board is facilitating insurance coverage of barns and tobacco stocks during curing and storage through Standard Fire and Allied Perils Policy since 2003 in Andhra Pradesh and from 2019-20 crop season onwards in Karnataka. Registered tobacco growers are also being covered under Group Personal Accident Policy (GPA) every year. During 2024-25 crop season, Oriental Insurance Company Limited provided insurance coverage to 31,825 growers and 33665.82 barns in Andhra Pradesh and paid an amount of ₹4.52 crore as premium to the insurance company. In Karnataka, the National Insurance Company Limited provided insurance coverage to 32,044 growers and 40819 barns and paid an amount of ₹2.62 crore as premium to the Insurance Company.

AUCTION PLATFORM WISE REGISTRATION AND PLANTATION PARTICULARS FOR 2024-25 CROP SEASON IN  
ANDHRA PRADESH (As on 31/03/2025)

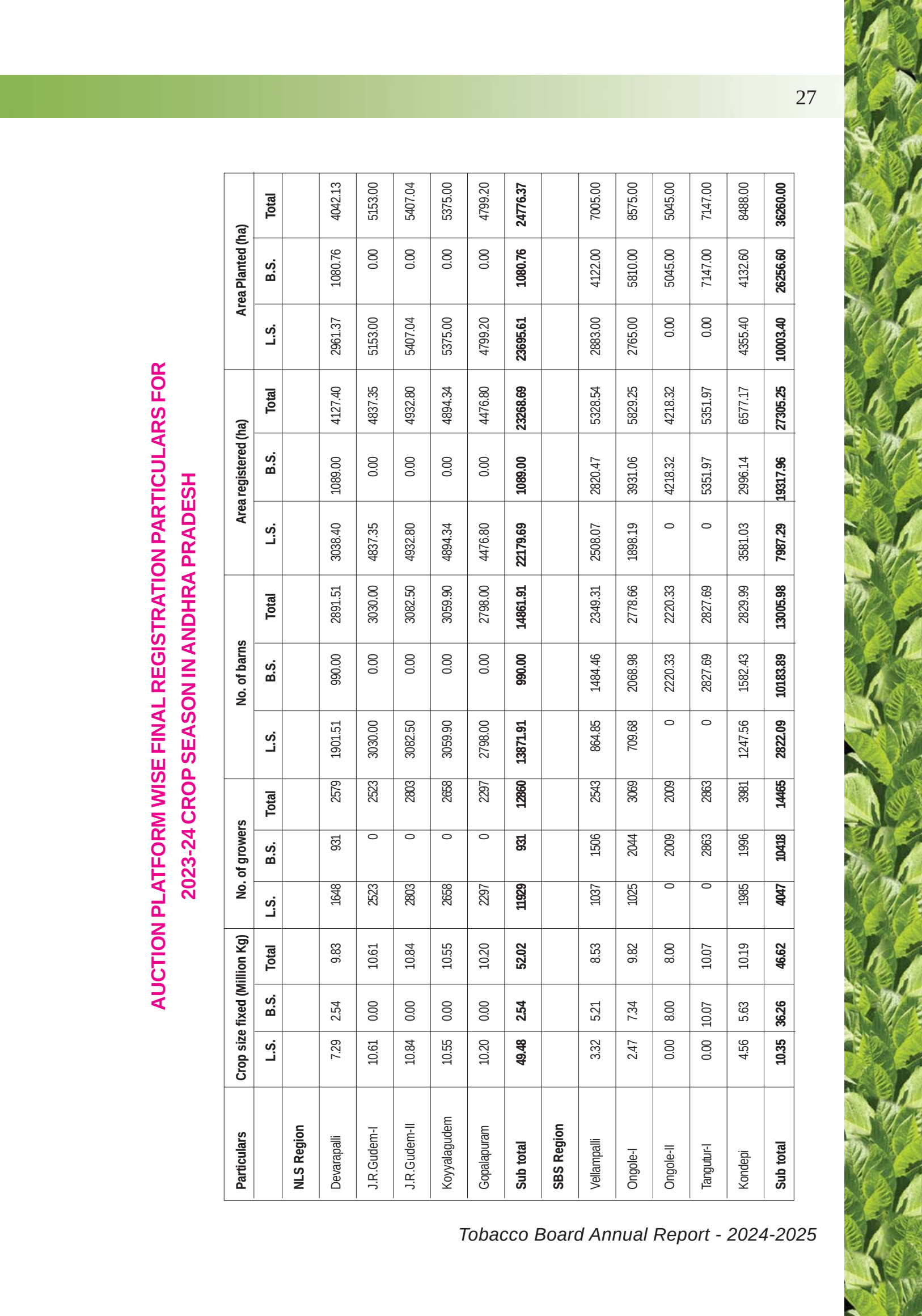
| Particulars    | Crop size fixed (Million Kg) |       |       | No. of growers |       |       | No. of barns |          |          | Area registered (ha) |          |          | Area Planted (ha) |          |          |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|--------------|----------|----------|----------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
|                | L.S.                         | B.S.  | Total | L.S.           | B.S.  | Total | L.S.         | B.S.     | Total    | L.S.                 | B.S.     | Total    | L.S.              | B.S.     | Total    |
| NLS Region     |                              |       |       |                |       |       |              |          |          |                      |          |          |                   |          |          |
| Devarapally    | 8.03                         | 3.48  | 11.50 | 1578           | 888   | 2466  | 1828.34      | 967.50   | 2795.84  | 3200.72              | 1780.22  | 4980.94  | 3337.59           | 1771.87  | 5109.46  |
| J.R.Gudem-I    | 12.64                        | 0.00  | 12.64 | 2543           | 0     | 2543  | 3041.00      | 0.00     | 3041.00  | 5323.35              | 0.00     | 5323.35  | 6257.75           | 0.00     | 6257.75  |
| J.R.Gudem-II   | 13.00                        | 0.00  | 13.00 | 2864           | 0     | 2864  | 3190.50      | 0.00     | 3190.50  | 5586.04              | 0.00     | 5586.04  | 6921.37           | 0.00     | 6921.37  |
| Koyyalagudem   | 12.62                        | 0.00  | 12.62 | 2715           | 0     | 2715  | 3148.60      | 0.00     | 3148.60  | 5511.88              | 0.00     | 5511.88  | 6017.50           | 0.00     | 6017.50  |
| Gopalapuram    | 11.97                        | 0.00  | 11.97 | 2247           | 0     | 2247  | 2746.50      | 0.00     | 2746.50  | 4806.94              | 0.00     | 4806.94  | 5197.33           | 0.00     | 5197.33  |
| Sub total      | 58.25                        | 3.48  | 61.73 | 11947          | 888   | 12835 | 13954.94     | 967.50   | 14922.44 | 24428.93             | 1780.22  | 26209.15 | 27731.54          | 1771.87  | 29503.41 |
| SBS Region     |                              |       |       |                |       |       |              |          |          |                      |          |          |                   |          |          |
| Vellampally-II | 3.73                         | 6.26  | 10.00 | 1017           | 1528  | 2545  | 850.93       | 1522.13  | 2373.06  | 2866.63              | 3379.72  | 6246.35  | 3722.00           | 4301.00  | 8023.00  |
| Ongole-I       | 3.05                         | 8.76  | 11.81 | 1038           | 2054  | 3092  | 728.01       | 2092.63  | 2820.64  | 2324.18              | 4647.17  | 6971.35  | 3807.00           | 6995.50  | 10802.50 |
| Ongole-II      | 0.00                         | 9.24  | 9.24  | 0              | 1959  | 1959  | 0.00         | 2160.67  | 2160.67  | 0.00                 | 4796.68  | 4796.68  | 0.00              | 5917.00  | 5917.00  |
| Tangutur-I     | 0.00                         | 11.97 | 11.97 | 0              | 2835  | 2835  | 0.00         | 2819.16  | 2819.16  | 0.00                 | 6259.11  | 6259.11  | 0.00              | 8911.00  | 8911.00  |
| Kondepi        | 5.42                         | 6.68  | 12.09 | 1988           | 1999  | 3987  | 1265.89      | 1589.43  | 2855.32  | 4229.74              | 3529.55  | 7759.29  | 5015.10           | 5353.90  | 10369.00 |
| Sub total      | 12.20                        | 42.91 | 55.11 | 4043           | 10375 | 14418 | 2844.83      | 10184.02 | 13028.85 | 9420.55              | 22612.23 | 32032.78 | 12544.10          | 31478.40 | 44022.50 |



| Particulars        | Crop size fixed (Million Kg.) |              |               | No. of growers |              |              | No. of barns    |                 |                 | Area registered (ha) |                 |                 | Area Planted (ha) |                 |                  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                    | L.S.                          | B.S.         | Total         | L.S.           | B.S.         | Total        | L.S.            | B.S.            | Total           | L.S.                 | B.S.            | Total           | L.S.              | B.S.            | Total            |
| <b>SLS Region</b>  |                               |              |               |                |              |              |                 |                 |                 |                      |                 |                 |                   |                 |                  |
| Podili-I           | 10.54                         | 0.89         | 11.44         | 4101           | 276          | 4377         | 2386.74         | 206.25          | 2592.99         | 8047.23              | 457.93          | 8505.16         | 10382.00          | 649.00          | 11031.00         |
| Kanigiri           | 5.52                          | 0.00         | 5.52          | 1500           | 0            | 1500         | 1245.28         | 0.00            | 1245.28         | 4195.20              | 0.00            | 4195.20         | 5236.00           | 0.00            | 5236.00          |
| Kandukur-I         | 8.05                          | 2.87         | 10.92         | 2571           | 832          | 3403         | 1923.23         | 694.00          | 2617.23         | 6052.84              | 1541.13         | 7593.97         | 7606.00           | 2171.00         | 9777.00          |
| Kandukur-II        | 6.97                          | 2.37         | 9.34          | 2238           | 784          | 3022         | 1654.16         | 569.67          | 2223.83         | 5448.68              | 1265.07         | 6713.75         | 6268.00           | 1681.00         | 7949.00          |
| Kaligiri           | 5.25                          | 0.22         | 5.47          | 1367           | 50           | 1417         | 1190.72         | 51.75           | 1242.47         | 4016.81              | 114.88          | 4131.69         | 4062.20           | 121.00          | 4183.20          |
| D.C.Palli          | 7.47                          | 0.00         | 7.47          | 2069           | 0            | 2069         | 1738.42         | 0.00            | 1738.42         | 5861.91              | 0.00            | 5861.91         | 5790.00           | 0.00            | 5790.00          |
| <b>Sub Total</b>   | <b>43.81</b>                  | <b>6.35</b>  | <b>50.15</b>  | <b>13846</b>   | <b>1942</b>  | <b>15788</b> | <b>10138.55</b> | <b>1521.67</b>  | <b>11660.22</b> | <b>33622.67</b>      | <b>3379.01</b>  | <b>37001.68</b> | <b>39344.20</b>   | <b>4622.00</b>  | <b>43966.20</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>114.26</b>                 | <b>52.74</b> | <b>167.00</b> | <b>29836</b>   | <b>13205</b> | <b>43041</b> | <b>26938.32</b> | <b>12673.19</b> | <b>39611.51</b> | <b>67472.15</b>      | <b>27771.46</b> | <b>95243.61</b> | <b>79619.84</b>   | <b>37872.27</b> | <b>117492.11</b> |

AUCTION PLATFORM WISE FINAL REGISTRATION PARTICULARS FOR  
2023-24 CROP SEASON IN ANDHRA PRADESH

| Particulars       | Crop size fixed (Million Kg) |              |              | No. of growers |              |              | No. of barns    |                 |                 | Area registered (ha) |                 |                 | Area Planted (ha) |                 |                 |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                   | L.S.                         | B.S.         | Total        | L.S.           | B.S.         | Total        | L.S.            | B.S.            | Total           | L.S.                 | B.S.            | Total           | L.S.              | B.S.            | Total           |
| <b>NLS Region</b> |                              |              |              |                |              |              |                 |                 |                 |                      |                 |                 |                   |                 |                 |
| Devarapalli       | 7.29                         | 2.54         | 9.83         | 1648           | 931          | 2579         | 1901.51         | 990.00          | 2891.51         | 3038.40              | 1089.00         | 4127.40         | 2961.37           | 1080.76         | 4042.13         |
| J.R.Gudem-I       | 10.61                        | 0.00         | 10.61        | 2523           | 0            | 2523         | 3030.00         | 0.00            | 3030.00         | 4837.35              | 0.00            | 4837.35         | 5153.00           | 0.00            | 5153.00         |
| J.R.Gudem-II      | 10.84                        | 0.00         | 10.84        | 2803           | 0            | 2803         | 3082.50         | 0.00            | 3082.50         | 4932.80              | 0.00            | 4932.80         | 5407.04           | 0.00            | 5407.04         |
| Koyyalagudem      | 10.55                        | 0.00         | 10.55        | 2658           | 0            | 2658         | 3059.90         | 0.00            | 3059.90         | 4894.34              | 0.00            | 4894.34         | 5375.00           | 0.00            | 5375.00         |
| Gopalapuram       | 10.20                        | 0.00         | 10.20        | 2297           | 0            | 2297         | 2798.00         | 0.00            | 2798.00         | 4476.80              | 0.00            | 4476.80         | 4799.20           | 0.00            | 4799.20         |
| <b>Sub total</b>  | <b>49.48</b>                 | <b>2.54</b>  | <b>52.02</b> | <b>11929</b>   | <b>931</b>   | <b>12860</b> | <b>13871.91</b> | <b>990.00</b>   | <b>14861.91</b> | <b>22179.69</b>      | <b>1089.00</b>  | <b>23268.69</b> | <b>23695.61</b>   | <b>1080.76</b>  | <b>24776.37</b> |
| <b>SBS Region</b> |                              |              |              |                |              |              |                 |                 |                 |                      |                 |                 |                   |                 |                 |
| Vellampalli       | 3.32                         | 5.21         | 8.53         | 1037           | 1506         | 2543         | 864.85          | 1484.46         | 2349.31         | 2508.07              | 2820.47         | 5328.54         | 2883.00           | 4122.00         | 7005.00         |
| Ongole-I          | 2.47                         | 7.34         | 9.82         | 1025           | 2044         | 3069         | 709.68          | 2068.98         | 2778.66         | 1898.19              | 3931.06         | 5829.25         | 2765.00           | 5810.00         | 8575.00         |
| Ongole-II         | 0.00                         | 8.00         | 8.00         | 0              | 2009         | 2009         | 0               | 2220.33         | 2220.33         | 0                    | 4218.32         | 4218.32         | 0.00              | 5045.00         | 5045.00         |
| Tangutur-I        | 0.00                         | 10.07        | 10.07        | 0              | 2863         | 2863         | 0               | 2827.69         | 2827.69         | 0                    | 5351.97         | 5351.97         | 0.00              | 7147.00         | 7147.00         |
| Kondepi           | 4.56                         | 5.63         | 10.19        | 1985           | 1996         | 3981         | 1247.56         | 1582.43         | 2829.99         | 3581.03              | 2996.14         | 6577.17         | 4355.40           | 4132.60         | 8488.00         |
| <b>Sub total</b>  | <b>10.35</b>                 | <b>36.26</b> | <b>46.62</b> | <b>4047</b>    | <b>10418</b> | <b>14465</b> | <b>2822.09</b>  | <b>10183.89</b> | <b>13005.98</b> | <b>7987.29</b>       | <b>19317.96</b> | <b>27305.25</b> | <b>10003.40</b>   | <b>26256.60</b> | <b>36260.00</b> |



| Particulars        | Crop size fixed (Million Kg..) |              |               | No. of growers |              |              | No. of barns    |                 |                 | Area registered (ha) |                 |                 | Area Planted (ha) |                 |                 |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                    | L.S.                           | B.S.         | Total         | L.S.           | B.S.         | Total        | L.S.            | B.S.            | Total           | L.S.                 | B.S.            | Total           | L.S.              | B.S.            | Total           |
| <b>SLS Region</b>  |                                |              |               |                |              |              |                 |                 |                 |                      |                 |                 |                   |                 |                 |
| Podili-I           | 9.42                           | 0.79         | 10.21         | 4177           | 280          | 4457         | 2430.38         | 210.67          | 2641.05         | 7055.37              | 400.43          | 7455.80         | 7795.16           | 417.84          | 8213.00         |
| Kanigiri           | 4.79                           | 0.00         | 4.79          | 1530           | 0            | 1530         | 1277.73         | 0.00            | 1277.73         | 3698.77              | 0.00            | 3698.77         | 4478.00           | 0.00            | 4478.00         |
| Kandukur-I         | 6.77                           | 2.39         | 9.16          | 2576           | 826          | 3402         | 1873.86         | 680.67          | 2554.53         | 4990.69              | 1287.69         | 6278.38         | 6134.80           | 1703.00         | 7837.80         |
| Kandukur-II        | 5.88                           | 2.00         | 7.89          | 2200           | 780          | 2980         | 1612.09         | 564.92          | 2177.01         | 4539.70              | 1070.71         | 5610.41         | 5416.99           | 1491.01         | 6908.00         |
| Kaligiri           | 4.68                           | 0.21         | 4.89          | 1389           | 48           | 1437         | 1210.08         | 51.75           | 1261.83         | 3510.37              | 98.34           | 3608.71         | 3616.20           | 107.70          | 3723.90         |
| D.C.Palli          | 6.43                           | 0.00         | 6.43          | 2083           | 0            | 2083         | 1720.50         | 0.00            | 1720.50         | 4990.61              | 0.00            | 4990.61         | 4930.00           | 0.00            | 4930.00         |
| <b>Sub Total</b>   | <b>37.97</b>                   | <b>5.39</b>  | <b>43.36</b>  | <b>13955</b>   | <b>1934</b>  | <b>15889</b> | <b>10124.64</b> | <b>1508.01</b>  | <b>11632.65</b> | <b>28785.51</b>      | <b>2857.17</b>  | <b>31642.68</b> | <b>32371.15</b>   | <b>3719.55</b>  | <b>36090.70</b> |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>97.81</b>                   | <b>44.19</b> | <b>142.00</b> | <b>29931</b>   | <b>13283</b> | <b>43214</b> | <b>26818.64</b> | <b>12681.90</b> | <b>39500.54</b> | <b>58952.49</b>      | <b>23264.13</b> | <b>82216.62</b> | <b>66070.16</b>   | <b>31056.91</b> | <b>97127.07</b> |

AUCTION PLATFORM WISE FINAL REGISTRATION PARTICULARS FOR 2024-25  
CROP SEASON IN KARNATAKA

| S No                | Name of the APF | Crop size fixed (Million Kg) | Growers | Barns    | Area Registered (ha) | Area planted (ha) |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------|----------|----------------------|-------------------|
| MYSORE REGION:      |                 |                              |         |          |                      |                   |
| 1                   | H.D.Kote-1      | 9.93                         | 3845    | 4956.00  | 8425.20              | 7785.70           |
| 2                   | Hunsur-2        | 8.04                         | 3442    | 4235.00  | 7199.50              | 7114.60           |
| 3                   | Hunsur-3        | 7.18                         | 3249    | 3880.00  | 6596.00              | 5850.00           |
| 4                   | Hunsur-64       | 6.11                         | 2473    | 3130.00  | 5321.00              | 4773.00           |
| 5                   | Chilikunda-62   | 14.35                        | 5916    | 7545.00  | 12826.50             | 9607.00           |
|                     | Sub-Total:      | 45.60                        | 18925   | 23746.00 | 40368.20             | 35130.30          |
| PERIYAPATNA REGION: |                 |                              |         |          |                      |                   |
| 6                   | Periyapatna-4   | 12.77                        | 4505    | 6317.00  | 10738.90             | 6942.60           |
| 7                   | Periyapatna-5   | 12.01                        | 4938    | 6327.00  | 10755.90             | 8016.30           |
| 8                   | Periyapatna-6   | 11.97                        | 4932    | 6212.00  | 10560.40             | 7610.00           |
| 9                   | Ramanathpura-7  | 9.84                         | 4023    | 4891.00  | 8314.70              | 5969.60           |
| 10                  | Ramanathpura-63 | 7.80                         | 3180    | 3944.00  | 6704.80              | 5380.50           |
|                     | Sub-Total:      | 54.40                        | 21578   | 27691.00 | 47074.70             | 33919.00          |
|                     | Grand Total:    | 100.00                       | 40503   | 51437.00 | 87442.90             | 69049.30          |

EXTENSION AND ADVISORY SERVICES

Tobacco Board implements various extension and developmental schemes for improvement of productivity and quality of Indian FCV tobacco to make it competitive in the international market. Tobacco Board also extends subsidy to the registered FCV tobacco growers under its various schemes to encourage the farmers to adopt new and improved package of practices. Tobacco Board provides a comprehensive package of technical support and extension services to farmers using a wide network of qualified and trained technical field staff, in collaboration with ICAR-National Institute for Research on Commercial Agriculture (NIRCA), Rajahmundry, National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM), Hyderabad and Research & Developmental wings of tobacco companies. The extension and developmental activities of the Board broadly include:

- Supply of critical crop inputs (seed, suckericide, fertilizer).
- Extension and Developmental Schemes taken up by the Tobacco Board for sustainable tobacco production for improving yield and quality.
- Transfer of Technology (TOT)

I) SUPPLY OF CRITICAL CROP INPUTS:

FCV tobacco farmers are required to use standard set of crop inputs for better growth and quality of the crop. Tobacco Board has taken the responsibility and facilitated the supply of critical crop inputs like seed, fertilizers and suckericide in time to the farmers during 2024-25 crop season. The particulars are as mentioned below.

a) FCV TOBACCO SEED:

(Quantity in Kg)

| STATE          | Varieties (Quantity in Kgs) |            |         |         |                      |         |                       |                |               |             |        | Total    |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|--------|----------|
|                | Kanchan                     | LT Kanchan | CH-3    | SIRI    | FCR15 (CTRI Sreshta) | FCH 222 | FCJ-11 (CTRI Naveena) | FCRH-11 (1353) | FCRH-7 (1350) | Sulak-shana | Others |          |
| Karnataka      | 375.00                      | 0.00       | 1251.00 | 0.00    | 0.00                 | 215.00  | 0.00                  | 0.00           | 0.00          | 0.00        | 0.52   | 1841.52  |
| Andhra Pradesh | 24.00                       | 5.50       | 195.00  | 3330.00 | 13703.50             | 0.00    | 85.00                 | 561.00         | 27.00         | 93.50       | 0.00   | 18024.50 |
| Total          | 399.00                      | 5.50       | 1446.00 | 3330.00 | 13703.50             | 215.00  | 85.00                 | 561.00         | 27.00         | 93.50       | 0.52   | 19866.02 |

b) FERTILIZERS:

In Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, Tobacco Board has facilitated the procurement and distribution of fertilizers through Committee of Farmers(COF) wherein the registered growers are empowered to procure fertilizers by themselves through COF. The fertilizer distribution was implemented successfully during 2024-25 crop season using the services of the District Cooperative Marketing Society Ltd

(DCMS) Eluru in Northern soil region, AP Tobacco Growers Co-operative Union Limited, Ongole, District Cooperative Marketing Society (DCMS), Nellore in Southern region in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka State Co-operative Marketing Federation Limited in Karnataka. Tobacco Board provided hand holding support to Committee of Farmers (COF) of all soil regions in all aspects of fertilizer supply starting from collection of indents and advance amounts; input loan arrangement from banks; providing Tobacco Board go-downs to outsourcing agencies on rent free basis. The outsourcing agencies placed orders for supply of fertilizers to the manufacturers, as per the grower indents based on the prices of fertilizers, payment terms and supply schedule agreed upon by the COF. The outsourcing agencies and Farmer committees monitored the quality of fertilizers with the assistance of State Agriculture Departments.



The details of fertilizers supplied in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh states are as under.

**Karnataka (KLS region):**

| Fertilizer         | Supplier     | Quantity (M.T)  | Price (₹/Ton) | Value (₹ in lakh) |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| AS                 | FACT         | 6725.95         | 17000.00      | 1143.41           |
|                    | GSFC         | 1684.40         | 17200.00      | 289.72            |
|                    | <b>Total</b> | <b>8410.35</b>  |               | 1433.13           |
| SOP                | IPL          | 7038.00         | 68250.00      | 4803.44           |
|                    | Transworld   | 5759.20         | 67000.00      | 3858.66           |
|                    | <b>Total</b> | <b>12797.20</b> |               | 8662.10           |
| DAP                | CIL          | 4548.95         | 26477.50      | 1204.45           |
|                    | IFFCO        | 250.00          | 26500.00      | 66.25             |
|                    | <b>Total</b> | <b>4798.95</b>  |               | 1270.70           |
| CN                 | Transworld   | 3484.00         | 40000.00      | 1393.60           |
| <b>Grand Total</b> |              | <b>29490.50</b> |               | <b>12759.53</b>   |

Andhra Pradesh:

| Fertilizer  | Supplier        | SLS/SBS region |               |                   | NLS region     |               |                   | Total          |                   |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|             |                 | Quantity (M.T) | Price (₹/Ton) | Value (₹ in lakh) | Quantity (M.T) | Price (₹/Ton) | Value (₹ in lakh) | Quantity (M.T) | Value (₹ in lakh) |
| AS          | FACT            | 1017.750       | 16273.00      | 165.62            | 5324.450       | 16273.00      | 866.45            | 6342.200       | 1032.07           |
|             | GSFC            | 741.000        | 16802.00      | 124.50            | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 741.000        | 124.50            |
|             | Total           | 1758.750       |               | 290.12            | 5324.450       |               | 866.45            | 7083.200       | 1156.57           |
| SOP         | IPL             | 590.050        | 75600.00      | 446.08            | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 590.050        | 446.08            |
|             | Continental     | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 600.000        | 72000.00      | 432.00            | 600.000        | 432.00            |
|             | K+S             | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 250.000        | 73260.00      | 183.15            | 250.000        | 183.15            |
|             | Munara          | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 375.000        | 66240.00      | 248.40            | 375.000        | 248.40            |
|             | Floris          | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 657.550        | 64000.00      | 420.83            | 657.550        | 420.83            |
|             | TW              | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 2886.550       | 72800.00      | 2101.41           | 2886.550       | 2101.41           |
|             | Total           | 590.050        |               | 446.08            | 4769.100       |               | 3385.79           | 5359.150       | 3831.87           |
| SOP FERTI   | TW              | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 796.650        | 78000.00      | 621.39            | 796.650        | 621.39            |
|             | Floris          | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 143.000        | 73000.00      | 104.39            | 143.000        | 104.39            |
|             | Highgrow Floris | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 240.600        | 73000.00      | 175.64            | 240.600        | 175.64            |
|             | Total           | 0.000          |               | 0.00              | 1180.250       |               | 901.42            | 1180.250       | 901.42            |
| CN          | TW              | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 277.075        | 38000.00      | 105.29            | 277.075        | 105.29            |
|             | Continental     | 8.975          | 39200.00      | 3.52              | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 8.975          | 3.52              |
|             | Total           | 8.975          |               | 3.52              | 277.075        |               | 105.29            | 286.050        | 108.81            |
| DAP         | IFFCO           | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 2040.600       | 26496.00      | 540.68            | 2040.600       | 540.68            |
|             | IPL             | 357.650        | 26496.00      | 94.76             | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 357.650        | 94.76             |
|             | CIL             | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 0.000          | 0.00          | 0.00              | 0.000          | 0.00              |
|             | Total           | 357.650        |               | 94.76             | 2040.600       |               | 540.68            | 2398.250       | 635.44            |
| Grand Total |                 | 2715.425       |               | 834.48            | 13591.475      |               | 5799.62           | 16306.900      | 6634.10           |

c) SUCKERICIDE:

Tobacco Board has facilitated the supply of Suckericides to FCV tobacco growers in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh for control of suckers after manual topping in the main field to increase the yields and quality of FCV tobacco. The details of suckericides supplied in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh states are as under.

Karnataka :

| Name of the Vendors | Product Name | No of Growers | Qty Supplied in Litres | Total Value (₹in lakhs) |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| M/s. ITC Ltd.       | Suckerout    | 6431          | 39732.5                | 189.13                  |
| M/s. SRS Ent.       | Deconal      | 4044          | 25020.0                | 118.59                  |
| M/s. GPI Ltd.       | Seeten       | 149           | 825.0                  | 1.68                    |
| M/s. Linga Chem.    | Power-10     | 1646          | 7975.0                 | 37.80                   |
| M/s. HGFC           | Seeten       | 728           | 4905.0                 | 23.25                   |
| TOTAL               |              | 12998         | 78457.5                | 370.45                  |

Andhra Pradesh:

| Name of the Vendors            | Product Name | No of Growers | Qty Supplied in Litres | Total Value (₹in lakhs) |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| M/s. ITC Ltd                   | Suckerout    | 5923          | 102000.00              | 521.83                  |
| M/s. Highgrow Floris Chemicals | Seeten       | 805           | 17192.50               | 85.27                   |
| M/s. Floris Chemitech          | Seeten       | 1072          | 22630.00               | 112.24                  |
| M/s. SRS Enterprises           | Deconal      | 2384          | 47100.00               | 206.30                  |
| M/s. Land Marshal              | Power-10     | 327           | 5880.00                | 25.75                   |
| TOTAL                          |              | 10511         | 194802.5               | 951.39                  |

A quantity of 78457.50 litres of suckericide valued ₹370.45 lakh was supplied in Andhra Pradesh and 194802.50 litres valued ₹951.39 lakh were supplied in Karnataka for 2024-25 Crop season.

II) FARM MECHANIZATION

Supply of HDPE irrigation Pipes:

To combat the drought problem in standing FCV tobacco crop in Southern region of Andhra Pradesh, Tobacco Board has arranged distribution of 17690 units of HDPE irrigation pipes (2.5" & 3" pipes) to 926 tobacco growers for facilitating them to provide life saving irrigation to crop and extended ₹35.747 lakh as subsidy.

III) EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEMES TOWARDS IMPROVING YIELD AND QUALITY OF TOBACCO BY SUSTAINABLE TOBACCO PRODUCTION (STP) INITIATIVES:

Board has implemented several Sustainable Tobacco Production initiatives aimed at improvement of yield and quality; conservation of natural resources; reduction of cost of cultivation; conservation of energy in curing practices, Post Harvest Product Management and overall aimed to produce quality tobacco free from pesticide residues and Non-Tobacco Related Materials (NTRMs).

(a) Production of healthy seedlings - Supply of Trays along with Cocopeat:

Tray nursery technique is recommended in FCV tobacco cultivation to produce healthy tobacco seedlings, to overcome the soil borne disease problem and to preclude transplantation shocks. Tray nursery seedlings offer the unique advantage of ensuring crop uniformity with minimum gap fills and consequent increase of cured leaf yield and quality, as against the seedlings grown in conventional raised seed bed nursery. Seedlings produced in trays have the advantages of 100% establishment in main field without transplantation shock with uniform crop growth ensuring yield improvement by 10-25%. During 2024-25 crop season, Board assisted Committee of Farmers (COF) in both Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka States to procure pro trays along with Cocopeat of better quality and extended subsidy to growers as an encouragement. The details are as follows:

| State          | No. of growers | No. of trays | Subsidy Amount<br>(₹ in lakh) |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Andhra Pradesh | 1915           | 879568       | 21.463                        |
| Karnataka      | 7685           | 1919685      | 61.228                        |
| Total          | 9600           | 2799253      | 82.691                        |

(b) Soil Health Management - Supply of Green Manure Seeds:

The tobacco growing soils are mostly light textured and are majorly with poor Organic Carbon content due to continuous cultivation. Tobacco Board has promoted In-situ green manuring with subsidy of ₹10/- per kg of seed and ₹200/- barn and arranged supply of Sunhemp seed during 2024-25 crop season from State and Central Government seed supplying agencies in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka for improvement of soil health and soil fertility.



The details of sunhemp seed supplied by Board with subsidy and area under green manure crops in various soil regions are as follows:

| State          | Soil Region | No. of growers | Seed Qty supplied with subsidy (in Kgs.) | Subsidy amount (₹in lakhs) | Area under green manure crop (ha) |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Karnataka      | KLS Region  | 1517           | 35940                                    | 3.594                      | 1197.00                           |
| Andhra Pradesh | NLS Region  | 362            | 8520                                     | 0.852                      | 4074.28                           |
|                | SLS Region  | 157            | 2577                                     | 0.258                      | 6248.40                           |
|                | SBS Region  | 74             | 1737.40                                  | 0.173                      | 14426.70                          |
|                | AP Total    | 593            | 12834.40                                 | 1.283                      | 24749.38                          |
| Grand Total    |             | 2110           | 48774.40                                 | 4.877                      | 25946.38                          |

(c) Supply of Bio fertilizers:

Bio fertilizers utilization in agriculture is proved to be an environmental friendly measure which aids in sustainable crop production. The only recommended source of 'K' in tobacco is SOP and cost of SOP is increasing year by year. Potassium (K) is the crucial element for quality in tobacco and significantly influences the colour and burning quality of cured leaf. Potassium is the most important plant nutrient that has a key role in the plant growth, metabolism, and increases plant resistance to diseases, insect pests and abiotic stress. In order to compensate the use of SOP to some extent due to its exorbitant cost, Tobacco Board arranged supply of 736 litres of Potassium Releasing Bacteria (KRB) culture from National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM), Hyderabad to growers in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during 2024-25 crop season.

(d) Integrated pest management practices (IPM) - Supply of IPM inputs:

Integrated Pest Management is a concept where effective pest and disease control is achieved through a combination of all pest control methods viz., biological, cultural and mechanical in addition to chemical methods. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) implementation is intended to

minimize the use of chemicals on crop, reduce pesticide residues in crop produce, protect environment and increase soil micro-flora and fauna. Under this scheme, Board facilitated the supply of 1) Pheromone traps along with lures 2) Yellow Sticky traps 3) Bio pesticide cultures 4) Marigold seedlings 5) Bajra / Jowar seeds to FCV tobacco growers and extended subsidies on these inputs for effective implementation of the IPM strategies. The input wise details are furnished hereunder.

a. Pheromone Traps and Lures:

| State | No. of growers | No. of traps | Subsidy amount (₹ in lakh) |
|-------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| AP    | 731            | 13904        | 1.807                      |
| KK    | 491            | 5340         | 1.015                      |
| Total | 1222           | 19244        | 2.822                      |

b. Yellow Sticky Traps:

| State | No. of growers | No. of traps | Subsidy amount (₹ in lakh) |
|-------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| AP    | 847            | 11689        | 0.526                      |
| KK    | 467            | 5170         | 0.310                      |
| Total | 1314           | 16859        | 0.836                      |

c. Bio Pesticides:

Bio pesticides are useful to prevent the incidence of soil borne diseases and thereby reduce the use of pesticides. During 2024-25 crop season, Tobacco Board has supplied 2200 litres of *Trichoderma harzianum* and 2195 litres of *Pseudomonas fluorescens* to registered FCV tobacco growers through NIPHM, Hyderabad and extended ₹5.778 lakh as subsidy towards the initiative.

| State | No. of growers |              |       | Qty. ( in litres ) |              |       | Subsidy Amount (₹in lakh) |              |       |
|-------|----------------|--------------|-------|--------------------|--------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------|-------|
|       | Tricho-derma   | Pseudo-monas | Total | Tricho-derma       | Pseudo-monas | Total | Tricho-derma              | Pseudo-monas | Total |
| AP    | 416            | 418          | 834   | 1854               | 1849         | 3703  | 2.317                     | 2.589        | 4.906 |
| KK    | 346            | 346          | 692   | 346                | 346          | 692   | 0.388                     | 0.484        | 0.872 |
| Total | 762            | 764          | 1526  | 2200               | 2195         | 4395  | 2.705                     | 3.073        | 5.778 |

#### d) Marigold seedlings:

Marigold seedlings can be grown around tobacco field or within field as a trap crop since marigold flowers acts as ovipositional site and attracts *Heliothis* moths to lay eggs which aids farmer in prevention of the tobacco crop from *Heliothis* infestation by monitoring the pest population. Board has procured 5,20,000 marigold seedlings from ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI) Research stations situated at Kandukuru, Jeelugumilli and Hunsur at a cost of ₹0.90/- per seedling and distributed to 2998 no. of FCV tobacco growers of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka at free of cost. Total expenditure Incurred is ₹4.68 lakh.



#### e. Jowar and Bajra Seeds:

Jowar and Bajra seeds sown as border crop in 4 rows around tobacco crop acts as a guard crop from whitefly attack and acts as a refuge for beneficial parasites and predators. Board has procured 489 kgs of Bajra seed at a cost of ₹48/- per kg and 567 kgs of Jowar seeds at a cost of ₹88/- per kg from the Karnataka State Seeds Corporation, Government of Karnataka and supplied to 721 growers of KLS region at free of cost. Board incurred an expenditure of ₹0.734 lakh towards the cost of Bajra and Jowar seeds.



IV) IMPROVING OF CURING AND GRADING PRACTICES - ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES:

To sustain tobacco farmer profitability, and to make the tobacco cultivation ecofriendly, it is essential to reduce the cost of curing by adopting fuel efficient technologies viz., barn roof insulation with glass wool / Paddy straw along with turbo ventilator fixation on the top of the barn and replacing traditional furnace with venturi furnace. Tobacco Board has extended subsidy of ₹100.79 lakh to FCV tobacco growers of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during 2024-25 crop season.

(a) Scheme for replacing traditional furnace with Venturi Furnace (Improved design of furnace):

"Venturi furnace" fixation in barn facilitates better combustion of fuel and heat transfer, ensures adequate supply of oxygen on avoiding soot deposition in the flue pipes and achieves 15 - 20% saving in fuel consumption. Hence, Tobacco Board is promoting the scheme and encouraging the growers towards replacing the old furnaces with Venturi furnaces on extending subsidy. The region wise details of barns covered and subsidy amounts are as follows:

The region wise details of fixing of Venturi furnace are as follows:

| Soil region | No. of growers | No. of barns covered | Subsidy amount (₹ In lakh) |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| NLS         | 20             | 20                   | 1.00                       |
| SBS         | 35             | 35                   | 1.75                       |
| SLS         | 188            | 117                  | 5.85                       |
| Total       | 243            | 172                  | 8.60                       |

(b) Glass wool Roof Insulation of barns along with Turbo ventilator fixation:

The glass wool roof insulation of barns along with Turbo Ventilator fixation aids for free air circulation in the barn and saves wood to the extent of 25 to 27%. The insulation of barn reduces the caramelization of leaf during curing process. The scheme facilitates fuel wood saving and thereby aid in reduction of the cost of cultivation of farmer. The soil region wise details of the implementation of scheme and subsidy amounts extended are as follows:

| Soil region | No. of growers | No. of barns covered | Subsidy amount (₹ In lakh) |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| NLS         | 59             | 64                   | 5.76                       |
| SBS         | 119            | 102                  | 9.18                       |
| SLS         | 124            | 95                   | 8.55                       |
| Total       | 302            | 261                  | 23.49                      |

(c) **Paddy straw roof Insulation with turbo ventilator fixation:**

The Tobacco Board extended subsidy of ₹68.70 lakh towards the barn insulation with Paddy straw along with fixation of Turbo ventilator on the top of the barn. This technology helped growers to reduce their wood fuel consumption up to 30%. The particulars are as follows:

| Soil region | No. of grower beneficiaries | No. of barns | Subsidy Amount (₹ in lakh) |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| KLS         | 1235                        | 1255         | 68.70                      |

(d) **Grow your own fuel scheme:**

The scheme "Grow your own fuel" was implemented by the Board to promote raising of fast-growing tree saplings (Agro forestry plantation by growers), to create sustainable source of fuel wood for the farming community and also to address environmental concerns of FCV tobacco curing. As a part of the programme, supplied saplings of fast-growing trees at free of cost to registered growers who are willing to take up tree sapling planting at their barn sites, in barren lands and on field bunds. The Auction Superintendents arranged for distribution of tree saplings to growers and also have participated in planting. The details are as follows.

| Soil region | No. of growers | No. of tree saplings distributed | Expenditure (₹ In lakh) |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| NLS         | 664            | 6500                             | 0.303                   |
| SBS & SLS   | 473            | 3910                             | 1.093                   |
| KLS         | 1799           | 17740                            | 1.000                   |
| Total       | 2936           | 28150                            | 2.396                   |



V) POST HARVEST PRODUCT MANAGEMENT - MEASURES FOR PRODUCT INTEGRITY

(a) Elimination of Non-Tobacco Related Materials (NTRMs)- Supply of Canvas Tarpaulins:

Non tobacco related materials (NTRM's) are a critical concern to the tobacco industry and its detection and elimination can help the tobacco supply chain. Prevention and elimination of NTRM sources at farm level is cost effective. Tobacco Board is taking up continuous efforts for educating growers on NTRM removal in tobacco and ensure the product integrity by advising growers on the concept of NTRM removal. Board is arranging for the supply of Canvas tarpaulins every crop season and is extending subsidy to growers for using in post-harvest operations, transportation and storage of leaf to prevent admixture of NTRMs in tobacco. During 2024-25 crop season, Board has supplied 3448 canvas tarpaulins to 3448 growers in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka at subsidized cost. The particulars are as follows:

| State          | No. of growers | No. of Units | Amount<br>(₹) in lakh |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Andhra Pradesh | 2498           | 2498         | 25.640                |
| Karnataka      | 950            | 950          | 8.686                 |
| Total          | 3448           | 3448         | 34.326                |

(b) Construction of Bulking sheds/Model Storage Facilities:

Creation of On-Farm Storage facility / infrastructure is necessary to hold tobacco in good condition from the time of completion of curing, grading & baling until it is ready to be marketed. The cured tobacco is hygroscopic in nature and tends to deteriorate unless proper care is taken in bulking and storing the product. Therefore, the Board is encouraging growers to construct Bulking sheds by extending financial assistance of ₹9,100/- to ₹22,400/- per unit, based on plinth area of Bulk shed stipulated within the range from 350 sq.ft to above 600 sq.ft. The total expenditure incurred by Board is ₹20.748 lakh towards financial assistance to 105 growers who constructed 105 Bulk sheds in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Monitoring and control of CPA (Crop Protection Agents) residues in leaf tobacco:

The indiscriminate use of pesticides i.e., use of pesticides more number of times than required, use of higher doses than recommended, use of pesticide combinations (mixing more than one insecticide), use of banned pesticides on tobacco or pesticides not recommended for tobacco is leading to CPA residues problem in leaf tobacco. The problem of CPA residues in cured tobacco leaf is assuming serious proportions impacting the export prospects of tobacco, as tobacco importing countries are imposing stringent conditions that CPA residues in leaf tobacco shall be below statutory Maximum Residue limits (MRLs). Indian tobacco though is known for low CPA residues, Tobacco Board has been implementing several measures proactively in order to strategize and develop action plan for tackling the problem of CPA residues.

Tobacco Board is undertaking CPA residue testing of tobacco leaf in farmer level samples to identify the problematic villages which are CPA hotspots. Based on the analysis results, hot spot specific focused interventions are being taken up to restrict reoccurrence of the CPA residues above GRL. The particulars of leaf samples analyzed and expenditure incurred are as follows:

| Crop season | State | No. of leaf samples analysed | Leaf analysis cost (₹ in Lakh) |
|-------------|-------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2023-24     | AP    | 169                          | 11.657                         |
| 2023-24     | KK    | 102                          | 11.825                         |
|             | Total | 271                          | 23.482                         |

**(d) Leaf chemistry analysis of leaf tobacco for Nicotine, Sugars and Chlorides:**

Tobacco Board undertakes the analysis of cured tobacco leaf in every crop season for determining chemical parameters such as Nicotine, Sugars and Chlorides so as to determine the quality of leaf grown during the particular season and establish the crop chemistry. The details of leaf analysis taken up and expenditure incurred are as follows:

| Crop season | State | No. of leaf samples analysed | Leaf analysis cost (₹ in Lakh) |
|-------------|-------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2023-24     | AP    | 107                          | 2.420                          |
| 2023-24     | KK    | 6                            | 0.136                          |
| 2024-25     | KK    | 102                          | 2.307                          |
|             | Total | 215                          | 4.863                          |

**VI) TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY:**

Tobacco Board is helping farmers to grow tobacco efficiently by extending timely advices on latest technology through Personal contacts, Group meetings, Farmer trainings, Exposure visits cum Study tours, Workshops, On-farm trials / Result demonstrations and Model project area schemes.

**(a) Training programmes to farmers and Technical staff:**

Farmer's training is one of the most important elements of extension design and planning for imparting knowledge and skills to the farming community. It has immense potential in transfer and utilization of latest technical knowhow, leadership development and attitudinal changes. Training is thus a crucial and continuous requirement for human resource development. Training makes the farmers proficient in implementing Good Agricultural Practices (GAP's) in tobacco cultivation, thereby ensuring sustainability. Training of extension staff is highly essential for providing latest technical knowhow and also for inculcating competence, professionalism and service morale.

Tobacco Board had conducted training programmes to growers and field staff involving Scientists from ICAR - NIRCA (CTRI) & NIPHM and Agronomists/technical officers from Trade at different crop growth stages starting from seed bed preparation to post harvest product management during 2024-25 crop season.

- ❖ The Board has organized 156 training programmes in 2024-25 to the farmers in all soil regions in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka at different stages of crop growth. Around 7,790 participants (growers/staff) have participated in these training programmes. An amount of ₹5.83 lakh was spent towards conducting grower training programmes in both States.



- ❖ The Scientists of NIPHM, Hyderabad visited Auction Platforms in NLS and KLS regions and organized training to growers/staff on mass multiplication procedures of bio pesticides, Bio fertilizers and use of Bio pesticides and Potassium Releasing Bacteria (KRB) formulations in FCV tobacco cultivation. An amount of ₹0.286 lakh was paid to NIPHM Scientists towards visiting charges for these demonstrations. The particulars in brief are as follows:

| Soil region                  | Dates of visits of NIPHM Scientists | Duration |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| KLS region in Karnataka      | 09/05/2024 &10/05/2024              | 2 days   |
| NLS region in Andhra Pradesh | 18/09/2024 &19/09/2024              | 2 days   |



- ❖ A two-day training programme i.e., In house training on "Plant Health Management" for 84 nos. of outsourcing technical staff on 26/12/2024 at Regional Managers Office, Ongole and on 27/12/2024 "On farm training for identification of pest and disease symptoms and nutrient deficiencies in FCV tobacco crop" for 49 growers was conducted in Southern region. An amount of ₹1.867 lakh was incurred towards expenditure for organizing the two-day training programme and to & fro charges of participants.



- ❖ One day training programme on operation of newly developed leaves stringing machine to tobacco growers and technical staff was conducted by the ICAR- Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering (CIAE) at Coimbatore on 24/01/2025. An amount of ₹0.227 lakh was incurred towards the transportation charges of trainees and other expenses.



- ❖ Capacity building programme on "Promotion of tobacco and tobacco product exports to foreign countries and its impediments" for Tobacco Board Officials was conducted by the National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM), at Hyderabad on 28/01/2025. An amount of ₹0.280 lakh was incurred towards the expenditure.

### Other Extension programmes undertaken towards control of CPA residues in NLS region - Action plan implemented:

- ❖ Board conducted meetings with all its stake holders in industry i.e., members of trade, growers and Scientists, ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI), Rajahmundry at frequent intervals to address the pesticide residue problem in tobacco.
- ❖ A meeting was held on 20/01/2025 with all stake holders of tobacco industry at Head Office, Guntur for devising a plan of action to be implemented for control of CPA residue problem in FCV tobacco in NLS region for 2024-25 crop season. ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI) Scientists, Managers in Head Office, Regional Manager, Rajahmundry, representatives from trade, grower representatives, Tobacco Board Officials and staff participated in the meeting.
- ❖ A high impact meeting with all stakeholders was conducted at Koyyalagudem Auction Platform on 30/01/2025 to educate growers about the control of CPA residues in FCV tobacco and an amount of ₹0.193 lakh was incurred.
- ❖ Auction Superintendents convened awareness meetings at village level focusing on CPA issues.
- ❖ Hand bills depicting the information on ill effects of pesticide residues in tobacco along with information of recommended pesticides and their dosages for control of different pest and diseases, were prepared and distributed to growers.
- ❖ An appeal was made to growers through print media to avoid the use of un-recommended pesticides in tobacco and also refrain from the use of Carbendazim, Dithiocarbamate and Pendimethalin.
- ❖ Flexis appealing the growers not to use Carbendazim, Dithiocarbamates and Pendimethalin were displayed in Auction floors and in 90 hot spot villages identified with higher pesticide application.
- ❖ Pamphlets on CPA residue management highlighting economic threshold level of pest and period of pre-harvest interval of recommended pesticides were given to growers.
- ❖ Pest control measures were displayed on black boards at grower gathering places.
- ❖ Widely publicized the information of pesticides with dosages and pest control measures recommended by ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI) among the FCV tobacco growers.
- ❖ Testing the leaf tobacco for CPA residues was done, by following scientific sampling procedure, so as to establish traceability of the produce and thereby identification of high-risk villages for taking up further steps for alleviating the CPA residue problem in FCV tobacco of NLS region.
- ❖ Educated growers on measures such as need based application of recommended pesticides in recommended doses; avoiding pesticide sprays for false maturity control; restricting the use of Nitrogen fertilizers over and above recommended quantities; avoiding use of herbicides for weed control; application of concoctions prepared with natural ingredients on crop for pest control.

b. Workshops:

In Karnataka two workshops were conducted on latest "Good Agricultural Practices (GAP's)" in FCV tobacco cultivation to the growers of Periyapatna region on 11/06/2024 and in Mysuru region on 19/06/2024. In the similar manner, two workshops were conducted in Andhra Pradesh for growers of Northern region at ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI) - Research Station, Jeelugumilli on 17/12/2024 and for growers of Southern region at ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI) - Research Station, Kandukur on 19/12/2024. Technical Officials and staff from Board have attended the workshops. An amount of ₹2.631 lakh was incurred towards conducting the 4 workshops.



| State | Soil region | Expenditure<br>(₹ in Lakh) |
|-------|-------------|----------------------------|
| KK    | Mysuru      | 0.498                      |
|       | Periyapatna | 0.559                      |
| AP    | SLS & SBS   | 0.975                      |
|       | NLS         | 0.599                      |
|       | Total       | 2.631                      |

c. Study tour to growers:

Tobacco Board has organized study tour to 355 farmers and staff from the 16 Auction platforms jurisdiction in Andhra Pradesh to visit ITC-Tobacco Leaf Threshing plant, Anaparthi, BK Threshing plant, Singarayakonda, M/s ITC Ltd-ABD, Chirala, Alliance One Industries, Pottur in the months of January to March-2025. 88 farmers and staff from 10 Auction platforms in Karnataka have visited Green Leaf Threshing plant of M/s ITC Ltd, Nanjangud on 13/12/2024 and 14/12/2024.



The details of expenditure incurred towards Study tour of growers from all soil regions of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are as furnished below:

| Soil region | Date of tour                                                                                     | Expenditure<br>(₹ in Lakh) |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| KLS         | 13/12/2024 and 14/12/2024                                                                        | 0.560                      |
| NLS         | 05/03/2025, 06/03/2025, 08/03/2025                                                               | 0.779                      |
| SBS & SLS   | 20/01/2025, 28/01/2025, 29/01/2025, 30/01/2025,<br>31/01/2025, 03/02/2025, 17/02/2025,18/02/2025 | 2.515                      |
|             | Total                                                                                            | 3.854                      |

d. Field Friend Teams:

Tobacco Board has implemented the scheme of "Field Friend Teams"by constituting 5 teams comprising of Scientists from ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI), field executives of trade and Board's Technical Officers. These field teams toured in the tobacco growing villages in the Auction platforms assigned to them in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during 2024-25 crop season on scheduled days and advised growers on improved package of practices on crop production and protection, harvesting, curing, reduction of usage of pesticides, topping and de-suckering, elimination of NTRM's, Post Harvest Product Management etc., An expenditure of ₹0.810 lakh was incurred for implementation.



**VII. ON FARM TESTS AND EXPERIMENTAL TRIALS:**

During 2024-25 crop season, Tobacco Board has implemented "On Farm Tests and Experimental Trials" to evaluate the efficacy of Natural Farming mode of FCV tobacco cultivation and has taken up varietal trials to test the efficacy of new varieties such as FCR-15 in SBS & SLS regions of Andhra Pradesh and FCH-222 and FCS-4 in Karnataka in comparison with existing varieties and for evaluation of the impact of KRB (Potassium Releasing Bacteria) application on crop quality and yield. 26 growers have taken up On farm trials in both states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during 2024-25 crop season.



Board incurred an expenditure of ₹1.998 lakh for trials done in Karnataka and ₹3.164 lakh in Andhra Pradesh towards the Input cost and cash incentives extended to the growers as an encouragement for conducting the On-farm trials in their fields and also for organizing field day programmes. A total of 830 growers in Andhra Pradesh and 520 growers in Karnataka States have attended to field day programmes and were educated on the benefits of natural farming concept, KRB utilization and efficacy of new variety trials.

**VIII. MODEL PROJECT AREA:**

Board has implemented Model Project Area scheme in 16 villages in Andhra Pradesh and 10 villages in Karnataka to encourage farmers in these villages to adopt Good Agricultural Practices in a focused manner to enhance productivity and quality of tobacco crop. An expenditure of ₹10.950 lakh was incurred towards execution of the scheme.



### IX. MoU FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN NIPHM AND TOBACCO BOARD:

Tobacco Board has entered into MoU with National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM) on 13/08/2024 to strive jointly for making significant contributions and to promote environmentally sustainable Plant Health Management practices through Training and Research, to encourage, establish and maintain exchange programs, collaborative scientific research and developmental activities to enhance the knowledge and skill of the staff and progressive farmers.

### X. RESEARCH PROJECTS TAKEN UP BY TOBACCO BOARD IN CO-ORDINATION WITH TRADE AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTES.

Presentation on the following Ongoing / completed Research projects of Extension Section was given by the Director and Scientists from ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI), Rajahmundry on 24/04/2024.



1. Development and evaluation of Solar thermal energy based FCV tobacco curing system.
2. Evaluation of Loose-Leaf Barn (LLB) for reducing the wood fuel consumption in FCV tobacco curing.
3. Evaluation of Bio-Consortia for Nutrient supplementation, nematode / disease control, for enhancing productivity and quality of FCV tobacco in KLS region.

Tobacco Board Officials and representatives from companies who sponsored the projects have participated in the programme.

An amount of ₹1.14 lakh was released to ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI) towards the second installment payment of the cost of Research project "Evaluation of Bio-Consortia for Nutrient supplementation, nematode / disease control, for enhancing productivity and quality of FCV tobacco in KLS region".

As per the directions of Hon'ble Union Minister for Commerce & Industry in the meeting with farmers and traders of tobacco held on 29/06/2024, Tobacco Board has requested ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI) to send Research Project proposals on issues viz., Mechanization in tobacco cultivation; Suitable alternatives for SOP fertilizer; Suitable plant protection chemicals to avoid objectionable residues in tobacco to encourage exports; Develop barns that operate by using solar energy and electricity for curing tobacco. ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI) has proposed 12 Research Project proposals.

Tobacco Board has arranged an interactive session with ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI) on 23/10/2024. The Director and Scientists from CTRI gave presentation on the Research Projects for reducing the drudgery of women workers in tobacco cultivation. Meetings were organized with ITA and major trade members at the Head Office on 31/01/2025 and 06/03/2025 to explain regarding the Research Project proposals and request them for financial support.

The below two Research Projects proposed by ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI) are finalized and considered for awarding to ICAR-NIRCA (CTRI) by Tobacco Board with financial support of trade.

- (i) Interventions to minimize leaf blotching in FCV tobacco in Loose Leaf barn with a financial estimate of ₹12.669 lakh to minimize the drudgery of work on women labour in tobacco curing.
- (ii) Energy saving and wood replacement interventions for curing FCV tobacco leaf with financial estimate of ₹33.161 lakh to replace fuel wood by green energy.

EXPENDITURE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF  
EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEMES IN 2024-25

Tobacco Board had incurred a total expenditure of ₹358.07 Lakh during 2024-25 for implementing various Extension and Developmental schemes.

| Extension Schemes                                               | Expenditure<br>(₹ in Lakh) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Farm mechanization                                              | 35.747                     |
| Improving Yield & Quality of Tobacco                            | 130.763                    |
| Improvement of Curing and Grading Practices                     | 103.186                    |
| Elimination of NTRMs and Product Integrity                      | 34.326                     |
| Post Harvest Product Management                                 | 20.748                     |
| Programmes for training of farmers and technical staff          | 16.048                     |
| On Farm Tests & Experimental Trials                             | 5.162                      |
| Model Project Area                                              | 10.950                     |
| Funding for Scientific Technology and Economic Research Studies | 1.140                      |
| <b>Total:</b>                                                   | <b>358.07</b>              |

The scheme wise Physical/Financial targets and achievements are furnished at Page Nos. from 51 to 55.

2024-25 CROP SEASON - EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEMES-  
PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

| Sl. No. | Name of the Scheme                                                              | No.of beneficiaries |       |       | Physical Achievement (No's/Kg's/Ltr's) |         |         | Financial Achievement (₹ in lakh) |        |         |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
|         |                                                                                 | A.P                 | KK    | Total | A.P                                    | KK      | Total   | A.P                               | KK     | Total   |
| 1       | Farm Mechanization                                                              |                     |       |       |                                        |         |         |                                   |        |         |
| a       | HDPE (Irrigation) Pipes                                                         | 926                 |       | 926   | 17690                                  |         | 17690   | 35.747                            |        | 35.747  |
|         | Sub Total:                                                                      | 926                 |       | 926   | 17690                                  |         | 17690   | 35.747                            |        | 35.747  |
| 2       | Improving yield and quality of FCV Tobacco                                      |                     |       |       |                                        |         |         |                                   |        |         |
| a       | Green manure seed                                                               | 593                 | 1517  | 2110  | 12834.4                                | 35940   | 48774.4 | 1.283                             | 3.594  | 4.877   |
| b       | Analysis of leaf for pesticide and chemical constituents                        |                     |       |       | 276                                    | 210     | 486     | 14.077                            | 14.268 | 28.345  |
|         | Integrated Pest Management Practices                                            |                     |       |       |                                        |         |         |                                   |        |         |
| c       | Pheromone Traps                                                                 | 731                 | 491   | 1222  | 13904                                  | 5340    | 19244   | 1.807                             | 1.015  | 2.822   |
| d       | Yellow Sticky Traps                                                             | 847                 | 467   | 1314  | 11689                                  | 5170    | 16859   | 0.526                             | 0.310  | 0.836   |
| e       | Supply of Trays and Cocopeat                                                    | 1915                | 7685  | 9600  | 879568                                 | 1919685 | 2799253 | 21.463                            | 61.228 | 82.691  |
| f       | Supply of Bio Pesticides                                                        | 834                 | 692   | 1526  | 3703                                   | 692     | 4395    | 4.906                             | 0.872  | 5.778   |
| g       | Supply of mari gold seedlings                                                   | 1148                | 1850  | 2998  | 335000                                 | 185000  | 520000  | 3.015                             | 1.665  | 4.680   |
| h       | Supply of Bajra & Jowar seeds                                                   |                     | 721   | 721   |                                        | 1056    | 1056    | 0.000                             | 0.734  | 0.734   |
|         | Sub Total:                                                                      | 6068                | 13423 | 19491 |                                        |         |         | 47.077                            | 83.686 | 130.763 |
| 3       | Improving of curing practices - Energy conservation measures                    |                     |       |       |                                        |         |         |                                   |        |         |
| a       | Glass wool roof insulation/Paddy Straw Roof Insulation                          | 302                 | 1235  | 1537  | 261                                    | 1255    | 1516    | 23.490                            | 68.700 | 92.190  |
| b       | Installation of venturi furnace                                                 | 243                 |       | 243   | 172                                    |         | 172     | 8.600                             | 0.000  | 8.600   |
| c       | Raising of fuel for curing of Tobacco / Community Plantation                    | 1137                | 1799  | 2936  | 10410                                  | 17740   | 28150   | 1.396                             | 1.000  | 2.396   |
|         | Sub Total:                                                                      | 1682                | 3034  | 4716  |                                        |         |         | 33.486                            | 69.700 | 103.186 |
| 4       | Elimination of NTRM and Product Integrity through supply of tarpaulins (Canvas) |                     |       |       |                                        |         |         |                                   |        |         |
|         |                                                                                 | 2498                | 950   | 3448  | 2498                                   | 950     | 3448    | 25.640                            | 8.686  | 34.326  |
| 5       | PHPM Measures Construction of Bulking Sheds/Model Storage facilities            |                     |       |       |                                        |         |         |                                   |        |         |
|         |                                                                                 | 105                 |       | 105   | 105                                    |         | 105     | 20.748                            | 0.000  | 20.748  |

2024-25 CROP SEASON - EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEMES-  
PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

| Sl. No. | Name of the Scheme                                                       | No.of beneficiaries |       |       | Physical Achievement (No's/Kg's/Ltr's) |    |       | Financial Achievement (₹ in lakh) |         |         |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------------|----|-------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
|         |                                                                          | A.P                 | KK    | Total | A.P                                    | KK | Total | A.P                               | KK      | Total   |
| 6       | Other Extension Programmes - Training to farmers & staff                 |                     |       |       |                                        |    |       |                                   |         |         |
| a       | Work shops                                                               | 459                 | 382   | 841   | 2                                      | 2  | 4     | 1.574                             | 1.057   | 2.631   |
| b       | Training programmes by Auction Superintendents to growers                | 4777                | 3013  | 7790  | 96                                     | 60 | 156   | 3.503                             | 2.327   | 5.830   |
| c.      | CPA Meeting                                                              | 266                 |       | 266   | 1                                      |    | 1     | 0.193                             | 0.000   | 0.193   |
| d       | Training programmes to Officers/ Staff/Growers at NIPHM/ ICAR-NIRCA/CIAE | 360                 | 160   | 520   | 7                                      | 2  | 9     | 2.588                             | 0.142   | 2.730   |
| e       | Study Tours                                                              | 355                 | 88    | 443   | 14                                     | 10 | 24    | 3.294                             | 0.560   | 3.854   |
| f       | Field Friend Teams                                                       |                     |       |       | 6                                      | 2  | 8     | 0.577                             | 0.233   | 0.810   |
|         | Sub Total:                                                               | 6217                | 3643  | 9860  |                                        |    |       | 11.729                            | 4.319   | 16.048  |
| 7       | On Farm Tests & Experimental Trials                                      | 13                  | 10    | 23    | 16                                     | 10 | 26    | 2.202                             | 1.500   | 3.702   |
| a       | Field day                                                                | 830                 | 520   | 1350  | 16                                     | 10 | 26    | 0.962                             | 0.498   | 1.460   |
| 8       | Model Project Area                                                       | 908                 | 628   | 1536  | 16                                     | 10 | 26    | 6.468                             | 4.482   | 10.950  |
| 9       | Funding for Scientific Technology and Economic Research Studies          |                     |       |       |                                        |    |       | 0.000                             | 1.140   | 1.140   |
|         | Grand Total:                                                             | 19247               | 22208 | 41455 |                                        |    |       | 184.059                           | 174.011 | 358.070 |



COVERAGE OF SC/ST/WOMEN & OTHER GROWERS UNDER EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEMES DURING 2024-25 (AP & KK)

| Sl. No | Name of the scheme                                                              | Beneficiaries |     |       |        | Physical Achievement (No's/Kg's/Ltr's) |       |     |        | Financial Achievement (subsidy in ₹) |         |         |          |         |         |         |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----|-------|--------|----------------------------------------|-------|-----|--------|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
|        |                                                                                 | S.C           | S.T | Women | Others | Total                                  | S.C   | S.T | Women  | Others                               | Total   | S.C     | S.T      | Women   | Others  | Total   |
| 3      | Improvement of Curing Practices - Energy conservation measures                  |               |     |       |        |                                        |       |     |        |                                      |         |         |          |         |         |         |
| a      | Glass wool roof insulation,/ Paddy Straw Roof Insulation                        | 62            | 40  | 401   | 1034   | 1537                                   | 61.33 | 42  | 394.2  | 1018.47                              | 1516    | 353970  | 215000   | 2469800 | 6180230 | 9219000 |
| b      | Installation of venturi furnace                                                 | 5             | 2   | 59    | 177    | 243                                    | 4.17  | 1   | 41.63  | 125.2                                | 172     | 20850   | 5000     | 208150  | 626000  | 860000  |
| c      | Raising of fuel for curing of Tobacco / Community Plantation                    | 0             | 0   | 0     | 0      | 2936                                   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 0                                    | 28150   | 0       | 0        | 0       | 0       | 239590  |
|        | Sub Total:                                                                      | 67            | 42  | 460   | 1211   | 4716                                   |       |     | 374820 | 220000                               | 2677950 | 6806230 | 10318590 |         |         |         |
| 4      | Elimination of NTRM and Product Integrity through supply of tarpaulins (Canvas) | 183           | 121 | 773   | 2371   | 3448                                   | 183   | 121 | 773    | 2371                                 | 3448    | 243600  | 163200   | 744200  | 2281600 | 3432600 |
| 5      | PHPM Measures Construction of Bulking Sheds/Model Storage facilities            | 1             | 0   | 20    | 84     | 105                                    | 1     | 0   | 20     | 84                                   | 105     | 22400   | 0        | 371000  | 1681400 | 2074800 |

COVERAGE OF SC/ST/WOMEN & OTHER GROWERS UNDER EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEMES DURING 2024-25 (AP & KK)

| Sl. No | Name of the scheme                                                     | Beneficiaries |     |       |        | Physical Achievement (No's/Kg's/Ltr's) |     |     |       | Financial Achievement (subsidy in ₹) |       |         |        |         |          |          |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----|-------|--------|----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|---------|----------|----------|
|        |                                                                        | S.C           | S.T | Women | Others | Total                                  | S.C | S.T | Women | Others                               | Total | S.C     | S.T    | Women   | Others   | Total    |
| 6      | Other Extension Programmes - Training to farmers & staff               |               |     |       |        |                                        |     |     |       |                                      |       |         |        |         |          |          |
| a      | Work shops                                                             |               |     |       |        | 841                                    |     |     |       |                                      | 4     |         |        |         |          | 263095   |
| b      | Training programmes by Auction Superintendents to growers              |               |     |       |        | 7790                                   |     |     |       |                                      | 156   |         |        |         |          | 582982   |
| c      | CPA Meeting                                                            |               |     |       |        | 266                                    |     |     |       |                                      | 1     |         |        |         |          | 19350    |
| d      | Training Programme to Officers/Staff/Growers at NIPHM/ICAR-NIRCA/ CIAE |               |     |       |        | 520                                    |     |     |       |                                      | 9     |         |        |         |          | 272970   |
| e      | Study Tours                                                            |               |     |       |        | 443                                    |     |     |       |                                      | 24    |         |        |         |          | 385375   |
| f      | Field Friend Teams                                                     |               |     |       |        |                                        |     |     |       |                                      | 8     |         |        |         |          | 81002    |
|        | Sub Total :                                                            |               |     |       |        | 9860                                   |     |     |       |                                      |       |         |        |         |          | 1604774  |
| 7      | On Farm Tests & Experimental Trials                                    |               |     |       |        | 23                                     |     |     |       |                                      | 26    |         |        |         |          | 370220   |
| a      | Field day training programme                                           |               |     |       |        | 1350                                   |     |     |       |                                      | 26    |         |        |         |          | 146024   |
| 8      | Model Project Area                                                     |               |     |       |        | 1536                                   |     |     |       |                                      | 26    |         |        |         |          | 1094982  |
| 9      | Funding for Scientific Technology and Economic Research Studies        |               |     |       |        | 0                                      |     |     |       |                                      | 0     |         |        |         |          | 114000   |
|        | Grand Total:                                                           | 1428          | 838 | 6121  | 17363  | 41455                                  |     |     |       |                                      |       | 1578272 | 867418 | 7151277 | 19805998 | 35807044 |

## **CAPACITY BUILDING (TRAINING) PROGRAMMES FOR TOBACCO BOARD OFFICIALS AND STAFF**

- i. Training was imparted to 4 officials (AS/SGO's) on Preventive Vigilance (PV-11) from 03/06/2024 to 04/06/2024 by the faculty of ISTM, New Delhi in Karnataka (Online)
- ii. 6 officials were trained on Advanced Course on Records Management (ARM-05) from 03/06/2024 to 04/06/2024 organized by ISTM, New Delhi at Head Office, Guntur (Online).
- iii. Training on Proactive Disclosure of Information under RTI Act & Third-Party Audit was conducted on 10/06/2024 to 3 officials by the faculty of ISTM, New Delhi at Head Office, Guntur (Online).
- iv. Workshop on e-Office (WEO-17) was conducted from 29/07/2024 to 30/07/2024 for 2 officials by ISTM, New Delhi at Head Office, Guntur (Online).
- v. Training on MS-PowerPoint was imparted from 26/08/2024 to 28/08/2024 to one official by ISTM, New Delhi at New Delhi.
- vi. An Offline Training Programme on Financial Module was conducted for SBS Region on 27/08/2024, SLS Region on 28/08/2024, and NLS Region on 29/08/2024 for relevant accounts officials by AM(Accounts) &Coforge Team at Head Office, Guntur.
- vii. Training on Collaborative Leadership was organized on 05/09/2024 for 5 officials by ISTM, New Delhi at New Delhi.
- viii. Training on conduct of inquiry on "Complaints relating to Sexual Harassment of Women at workplace was held on 23/09/2024 for 2 officials by ISTM, New Delhi at Head Office, Guntur (Online)
- ix. The Orientation Training Programme on Preventive Vigilance was held from 03/10/2024 to 04/10/2024 for 4 officials by ISTM, New Delhi at New Delhi.
- x. Training on Government e-Marketplace(GeM) took place from 24/10/2024 to 25/10/2024 for 8 officials by ISTM, New Delhi at New Delhi.
- xi. Training on e-Record Management - RTI was imparted to 4 officials from 11/11/2024 to 13/11/2024 by ISTM, New Delhi at Head Office, Guntur.(Online).
- xii. Training on Technical Issues Relating to Day-to-Day Works of Farmers for Outsource Staff was conducted for SBS Region on 19/11/2024, SLS Region on 20/11/2024, and NLS Region/ H.O. on 21/11/2024 by Tobacco Board Officers at Head Office, Guntur.
- xiii. Training on Preventive Vigilance was organized from 08/01/2025 to 10/01/2025 for 33 officials by NIPTD, New Delhi at Head Office, Guntur.

## GROWER'S WELFARE INITIATIVES

### TOBACCO BOARD GROWERS' WELFARE FUND:

Tobacco Board is undertaking various welfare measures, to ensure overall welfare of around 77,300 active members enrolled under Tobacco Board's Growers' Welfare Scheme's and their families in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana & Odisha by establishing 'Tobacco Board's Growers' Welfare Schemes' in 2009-10 with the approval of Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

The Welfare Scheme provides financial assistance in the form of Death Grants to the nominees of deceased growers for natural and accidental deaths and interest Free Loans to active members in welfare scheme for Daughter's Marriage, Children Education, Treatment for major illness/Accident cases which requires surgery and Repairs to barns damaged due to Natural Calamities/Fire Accidents.

During 2024-25 F.Y., an amount of ₹5.46 crore was disbursed in the form of Grants and ₹0.59 crore in the form of Interest Free Loans, totalling to ₹6.05 crore. Since the inception of the scheme, Tobacco Board had provided financial relief of ₹89.01 crore to 22,948 members in terms of Grants and Loans so far (Grants of ₹74.22 crore and Interest free loans of ₹14.80 crore) upto 31/03/2025. By the end of 2024-25 F.Y., a total amount of ₹74.76 Crore was available in Tobacco Board's Growers Welfare Fund account.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE FINANCIAL RELIEF IN THE FORM OF GRANTS / INTEREST FREE LOANS SANCTIONED  
FROM INCEPTION OF THE SCHEME TO 31/03/2025

| Category of the scheme | Since inception of the scheme upto 31/03/2024 |                     |                      |                     | During 2024-25 (01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025) |                     |                      |                     |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                        | Andhra Pradesh                                |                     | Karnataka            |                     | Andhra Pradesh                            |                     | Karnataka            |                     |
|                        | No. of Beneficiaries                          | Amount (₹) In. Lakh | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount (₹) In. Lakh | No. of Beneficiaries                      | Amount (₹) In. Lakh | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount (₹) In. Lakh |

DEATH GRANTS

|                  |       |         |      |         |       |         |     |        |     |        |      |        |
|------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------|---------|-----|--------|-----|--------|------|--------|
| Natural death    | 10292 | 3488.50 | 5918 | 2982.12 | 16210 | 6470.62 | 447 | 223.50 | 598 | 299.00 | 1045 | 522.50 |
| Accidental death | 372   | 258.00  | 148  | 147.50  | 520   | 405.50  | 8   | 8.00   | 15  | 15.00  | 23   | 23.00  |
| Total Grants (A) | 10664 | 3746.50 | 6066 | 3129.62 | 16730 | 6876.12 | 455 | 231.50 | 613 | 314.00 | 1068 | 545.50 |

INTEREST FREE LOANS

|                            |       |         |      |         |       |         |     |        |     |        |      |        |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------|---------|-----|--------|-----|--------|------|--------|
| a) Daughter Marriage       | 589   | 154.25  | 1296 | 640.25  | 1885  | 794.50  | 0   | 0.00   | 89  | 44.50  | 89   | 44.50  |
| b) Major Illness           | 95    | 30.15   | 22   | 10.74   | 117   | 40.89   | 0   | 0.00   | 2   | 1.00   | 2    | 1.00   |
| c) Barn Damage Loan        | 2224  | 260.85  | 351  | 162.51  | 2575  | 423.36  | 0   | 0.00   | 17  | 7.90   | 17   | 7.90   |
| d) Children Education Loan | 289   | 80.74   | 164  | 80.85   | 453   | 161.59  | 1   | 0.50   | 11  | 5.50   | 12   | 6.00   |
| Total Loans (B)            | 3197  | 525.99  | 1833 | 894.35  | 5030  | 1420.34 | 1   | 0.50   | 119 | 58.90  | 120  | 59.40  |
| Grand Total (A + B)        | 13861 | 4272.49 | 7899 | 4023.97 | 21760 | 8296.46 | 456 | 232.00 | 732 | 372.90 | 1188 | 604.90 |

## AUCTIONEERING SERVICES

The Tobacco Board introduced auction system for the sale of FCV tobacco in 1984 in Karnataka and in 1985 in Andhra Pradesh by establishing auction platforms. The major objectives of auction system inter-alia are to ensure fair and remunerative prices to the tobacco growers by creating an element of competition among the buyers, to provide correct weighment of tobacco and also to ensure prompt payment to the growers. Over the years, the Board has successfully implemented this auction system, bringing satisfaction to all the stakeholders.

In the year 2012, the Board strengthened the auction system by transforming the manual auction system into an electronic auction system, utilizing advancements in information and technology. The electronic auction system brings the complete transparency in the auction system and facilitates recording of every detail in digital format.



**E-auctioning of FCV tobacco**

### **I. AUCTIONS FOR SALE OF 2023-24 FCV TOBACCO IN ANDHRA PRADESH:**

#### **a) Crop size fixed and estimated production:**

Tobacco Board has fixed a crop size of 142 million kg (mkg) to be produced, by the farmers during the 2023-24 crop season in Andhra Pradesh.

This year, the majority of the farmers have taken up late transplantations due to dry spell during transplanting time. After transplantation, 'Michaung' cyclone has caused considerable crop damage in all the regions, and it was severe in NLS Region, where some of the farmers were necessitated to take-up re-plantations. In SLS & SBS Regions, Oranbanche infestation was observed. Despite all the said difficulties, farmers could able to produce good quality tobacco by deploying all their energies.

**b) Commencement of Auction sales:**

The auctions for the sale of 2023-24 FCV tobacco crop at 16 auction platforms in Andhra Pradesh were commenced in 2 phases. In 1<sup>st</sup> phase, auctions commenced on 29/02/2024 at 2 auction platforms in the SBS Region and in 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, auctions commenced on 06/03/2024 at all 14 auction platforms in the SBS, SLS & NLS Regions.

**c) Grade Out-turn:**

The grade out-turn recorded in terms of Bright, Medium and Low-grade percentages were 36:30:34 vis-à-vis 50:30:20 during previous year.

The soil region wise bright, medium and low-grade percentages vis-à-vis previous year are given below:

| Region          | 2023-24 Season |           |           | 2022-23 Season |           |           |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
|                 | Bright %       | Medium %  | Low %     | Bright %       | Medium %  | Low %     |
| <b>SBS</b>      | 29             | 24        | 47        | 45             | 26        | 29        |
| <b>SLS</b>      | 19             | 39        | 42        | 38             | 39        | 23        |
| <b>NLS</b>      | 61             | 26        | 13        | 67             | 25        | 8         |
| <b>OVER ALL</b> | <b>36</b>      | <b>30</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>50</b>      | <b>30</b> | <b>20</b> |

**d) Volume marketed and prices realized:**

The auctions for the sale of 2023-24 FCV tobacco crop in Andhra Pradesh commenced in the financial year 2023-24 on 29/02/2024 and concluded in the financial year 2024-25 on 14/10/2024. A total volume of 215.35 mkg of tobacco was marketed at an average price of ₹288.65 per kg by the end of the auction season, out of which, a volume of 201.75 mkg of tobacco was marketed at an average price of ₹292.60 per kg during the period from 01/04/2024 to 14/10/2024 i.e., during 2024-25 financial year. Auction platform wise volume marketed and average price realized during 01/04/2024 to 14/10/2024 were given in **Annexure-I**.

**e) Market analysis:**

Auctions for the sale of the 2023-24 Andhra Pradesh FCV tobacco crop were commenced on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 and concluded on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 in 178 auction days. A total volume of 215.35 million kg was marketed during the 2023-24 auction season, as against the crop size fixed at 142 million kg, at an average price of ₹288.65 per kg. The average price realized ₹288.65 per kg during the 2023-24 season was higher by ₹62.92 per kg over the previous year's average price. The average price realized ₹288.65 per kg and the highest bid recorded ₹411/- per kg for FCV tobacco during the 2023-24 season were the record high in the history of FCV tobacco auctions. Overall, it took 178 auction days during the 2023-24 crop season to complete the auctions as against 148 days in the previous year.

The soil region wise average prices realised during current auctions in comparison with previous year are given hereunder:

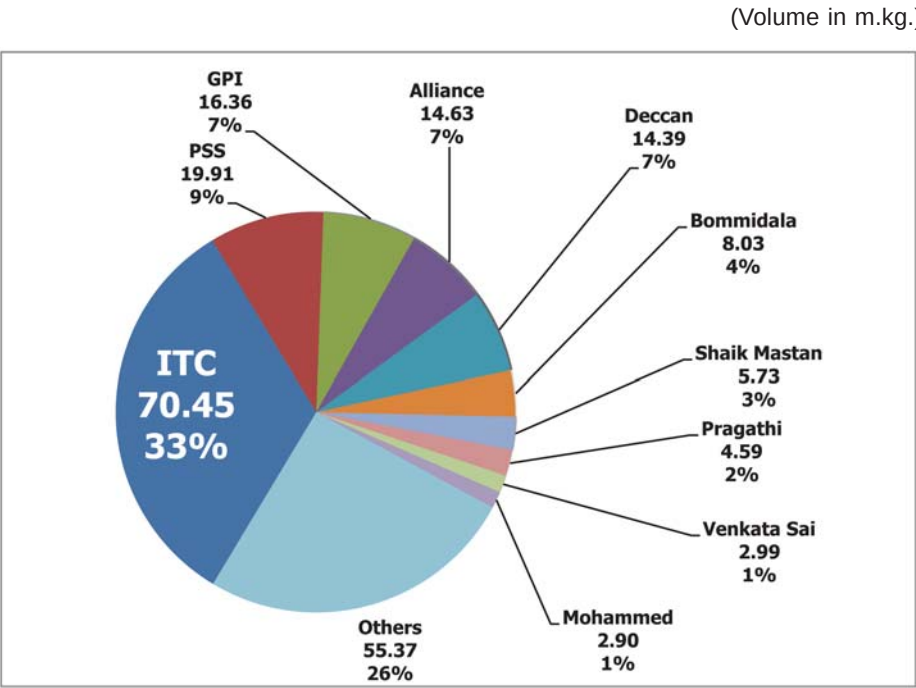
| Soil Region                | Grade  | 2023-24 Auctions (Final) |                  | 2022-23 Auctions (Final) |                  | Diff. in Avg. Price of 2023-24 over 2022-23 Auctions |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|                            |        | Volume Mktd. (mkg)       | Avg. Pri. (₹/kg) | Volume Mktd. (mkg)       | Avg. Pri. (₹/kg) |                                                      |
| SBS (Southern Black Soils) | Bright | 22.92                    | 335.19           | 29.94                    | 227.61           | +107.58                                              |
|                            | Medium | 19.38                    | 294.70           | 17.15                    | 219.86           | +74.84                                               |
|                            | Low    | 36.83                    | 229.37           | 18.79                    | 199.84           | +29.53                                               |
|                            | Total  | 79.13                    | 276.02           | 65.88                    | 217.67           | +58.35                                               |
| SLS (Southern Light Soils) | Bright | 12.99                    | 314.66           | 21.62                    | 220.26           | +94.40                                               |
|                            | Medium | 26.96                    | 299.93           | 22.45                    | 219.41           | +80.52                                               |
|                            | Low    | 29.01                    | 218.31           | 13.16                    | 197.44           | +20.87                                               |
|                            | Total  | 68.96                    | 268.37           | 57.23                    | 214.68           | +53.69                                               |
| NLS (Northern Light Soils) | Bright | 41.27                    | 359.26           | 38.67                    | 261.83           | +97.43                                               |
|                            | Medium | 17.46                    | 301.92           | 14.30                    | 221.17           | +80.75                                               |
|                            | Low    | 8.53                     | 201.06           | 4.94                     | 191.62           | +9.44                                                |
|                            | Total  | 67.26                    | 324.31           | 57.91                    | 245.81           | +78.50                                               |
| All Regions                | Bright | 77.18                    | 344.61           | 90.23                    | 240.52           | +104.09                                              |
|                            | Medium | 63.80                    | 298.89           | 53.90                    | 220.02           | +78.87                                               |
|                            | Low    | 74.37                    | 221.81           | 36.89                    | 197.88           | +23.93                                               |
|                            | Total  | 215.35                   | 288.65           | 181.02                   | 225.73           | +62.92                                               |

f) Buyers' Participation:

A total of 78 buyers participated in the 2023-24 Andhra Pradesh auctions as against 56 buyers'in the previous year. The volumes of tobacco purchased and average prices paid by the buyers in the categories of Exporters and Dealers compared to their previous year purchases are given hereunder:

| Sl. No. | Category  | 2023-24 Auctions |         |                  | 2022-23 Auctions |         |                  |
|---------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|
|         |           | Volume (mkg)     | % share | Avg. Pri. (₹/kg) | Volume (mkg)     | % share | Avg. Pri. (₹/kg) |
| 1       | Exporters | 183.25           | 85.09   | 288.30           | 167.27           | 92.40   | 224.43           |
| 2       | Dealers   | 32.10            | 14.91   | 290.63           | 13.75            | 7.60    | 241.48           |
|         | Total     | 215.35           | 100.00  | 288.65           | 181.02           | 100.00  | 225.73           |

The purchases of major buyers during 2023-24 Andhra Pradesh FCV Tobacco auctions are given hereunder:



**g) Total value of FCV tobacco marketed:**

During 2023-24 season in Andhra Pradesh, the total value of the FCV tobacco that was marketed in auction sales and realized by the growers was ₹6,216.01 crore.

**h) No. of growers participated in auctions:**

| Sl. No. | Category of the growers | No. of growers | Volume marketed (kg) | Avg. Price (₹/kg) |
|---------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1       | Registered growers      | 43,085         | 215345435.3          | 288.65            |
| 2       | Un-registered growers   | 0              | 0.0                  | 0.00              |

**II. AUCTIONS FOR SALE OF 2024-25 FCV TOBACCO IN KARNATAKA:**

**a) Crop size fixed and crop production:**

The Tobacco Board has fixed a crop size of 100 mkg to be produced by the farmers during the 2024-25 crop season in Karnataka. This year, farmers have taken-up total transplantations early in the season. The crop was affected by incessant rains during July, 2024 and the farmers strived hard to protect the crop from excess rainfall. On the other hand, the cost of cultivation was gone up as the labour, fuel wood and input costs were increased. Overall, the crop quality was very good.

b) Commencement of Auction sales:

Auctions for sale of 2024-25 FCV tobacco commenced on 07/10/2024 at all the 10 auction platforms in Karnataka.

c) Grade Out-turn:

The estimated grade out-turn in terms of Bright, Medium and Low-grade percentages for the 2024-25 crop was 25:45:30 vis-à-vis 31:45:24 during the previous year.

d) Volume marketed and prices realized:

As on 31/03/2025, a volume of 81.90 mkg of tobacco was marketed at an average price of ₹262.32 per kg during the 2024-25 financial year. Auction platform wise volume marketed and average price realized during 07/10/2024 to 31/03/2025 are given at **Annexure-I**.

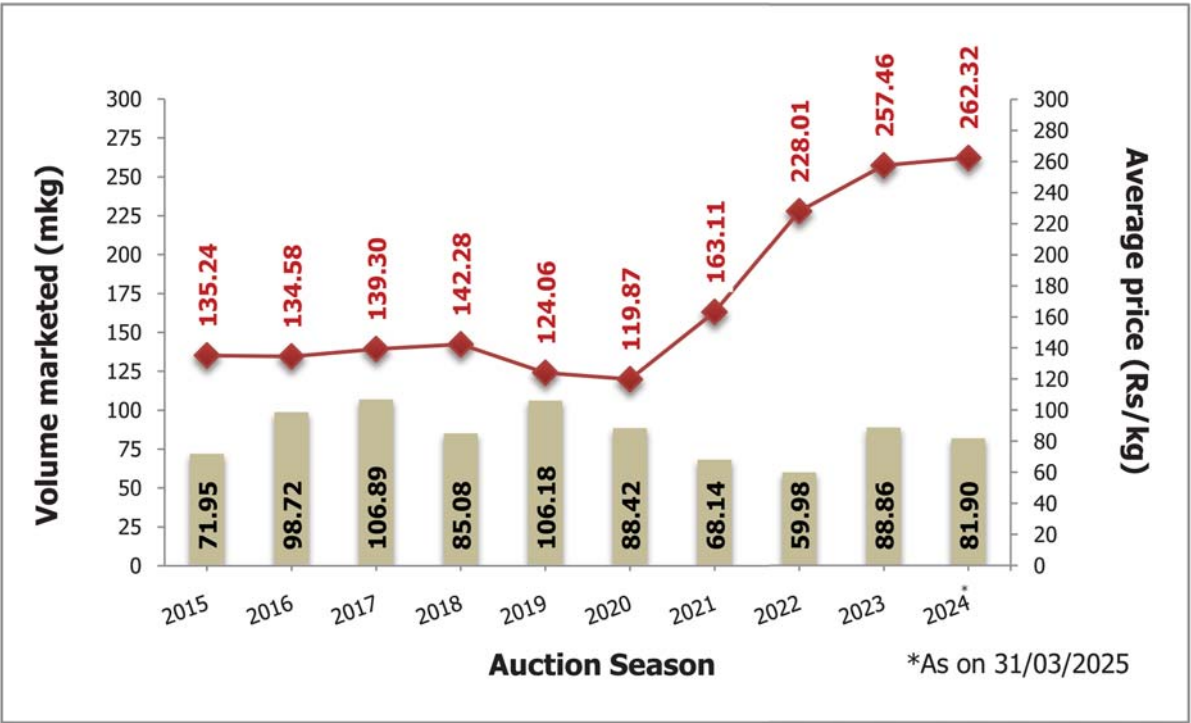
e) Market analysis:

The average price realized as on 31/03/2025 of ₹262.32 per kg during the season, which was higher by ₹4.86 per kg over the previous year average price. As on 31/03/2025, the average price recorded for FCV tobacco auctions i.e., ₹262.32 per kg and the highest bid recorded ₹367/- per kg during the 2024-25 season were the record high in the history of FCV tobacco auctions in Karnataka.

Volume of tobacco marketed and average price realised during the 2024-25 auction season for Bright, Medium & Low-grade tobacco in comparison with the previous year were given hereunder:

| S. No. | Grade  | 2024-25 Auctions (Final) |                  | 2023-24 Auctions (Final) |                  | Diff. in Avg. Price of over last year |
|--------|--------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
|        |        | Volume Mktd. (mkg)       | Avg. Pri. (₹/kg) | Volume Mktd. (mkg)       | Avg. Pri. (₹/kg) |                                       |
| 1      | Bright | 19.37                    | 308.72           | 27.32                    | 269.30           | + 39.42                               |
| 2      | Medium | 33.68                    | 284.40           | 40.53                    | 259.20           | + 25.20                               |
| 3      | Low    | 28.85                    | 205.42           | 21.01                    | 238.70           | - 33.28                               |
|        | Total  | 81.90                    | 262.32           | 88.86                    | 257.46           | + 4.86                                |

f) Average prices and volumes of FCV tobacco marketed in auctions for the last 10 years in Karnataka:

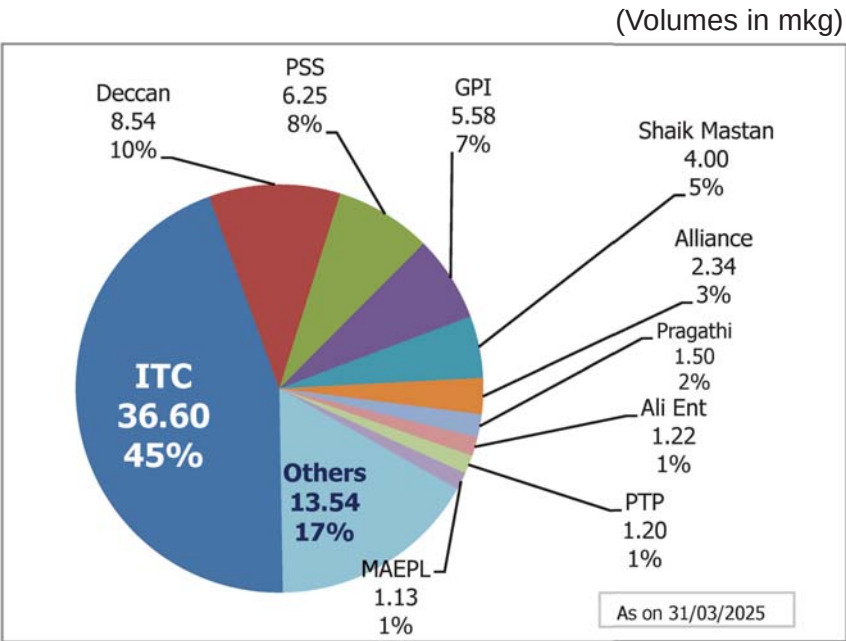


g) Buyers participation:

As on 31/03/2025, a total of 57 buyers participated during the 2024-25 Karnataka auctions as against 56 buyers during the previous year. The volumes of tobacco purchased and average prices paid by the buyers in the category of Exporters and Dealers compared to their previous year purchases are given hereunder:

| Sl. No. | Category  | 2024-25 Auctions |         |                   | 2023-24 Auctions |         |                    |
|---------|-----------|------------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|---------|--------------------|
|         |           | Volume (mkg)     | % share | Avg. Price (₹/kg) | Volume (mkg)     | % share | Avg. Priice (₹/kg) |
| 1       | Exporters | 74.44            | 90.89   | 259.79            | 74.28            | 83.59   | 257.77             |
| 2       | Dealers   | 7.46             | 9.11    | 287.58            | 14.58            | 16.41   | 255.91             |
|         | Total     | 81.90            | 100.00  | 262.32            | 88.86            | 100.00  | 257.46             |

The purchases of major buyers during 2024-25 Karnataka FCV tobacco auctions are given hereunder:



A statement showing auction platform wise volumes of tobacco marketed, average prices realized and highest bids recorded during 2024-25 Karnataka auctions is placed at **Annexure-III**.

**h) Total value of the FCV tobacco marketed:**

During 2024-25 Karnataka season, the total value of the FCV tobacco that was marketed in auction sales and realized by the growers was ₹2,148.46 crore.

**i) No. of growers participated in auctions:**

| Sl. No. | Category of the growers | No. of growers | Volume marketed (kg) | Avg. Price (₹/kg) |
|---------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1.      | Registered growers      | 38,592         | 73078126.5           | 263.74            |
| 2.      | Un-registered growers   | 12,176         | 8824058.3            | 250.65            |

**III. AUCTIONS FOR SALE OF 2024-25 FCV TOBACCO IN ANDHRA PRADESH:**

**a) Crop size fixed and crop condition:**

Tobacco Board has fixed a crop size of 167 mkg for Andhra Pradesh during the 2024-25 crop season.

During the 2024-25 crop season farmers, enthused by the prices realized last year, have taken up transplantations in more area than last year. The rainfall during November and December, 2024 affected the establishment of seedlings in some pockets of in Southern Region auction platforms. On the other hand, the cost of cultivation has increased substantially, majorly, due to hike in labour wages and also due to increase in land & barn lease. Despite these difficulties, farmers had produced good quality tobacco and it was estimated at 240.40 mkg.

Soil region wise crop size targeted and estimated production during 2024-25 season was as follows:

| Sl. No. | Soil Region        | Targeted Crop (mkg) | Estimated Production (mkg) |
|---------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1       | SBS Region         | 55.11               | 84.70                      |
| 2       | SLS Region         | 50.15               | 76.20                      |
| 3       | NLS Region         | 61.74               | 79.50                      |
|         | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>167.00</b>       | <b>240.40</b>              |

**Note:** A volume of 3.48 mkg of targeted and 3.00 mkg of estimated crop of NBS Region was included in NLS Region.

The soil region wise estimated production in terms of bright, medium and low grades in 2024-25 vis-à-vis 2023-24 crop are given hereunder:

| Region | 2024-25 Season (Estimated) |          |       | 2023-24 Season |          |       |
|--------|----------------------------|----------|-------|----------------|----------|-------|
|        | Bright %                   | Medium % | Low % | Bright %       | Medium % | Low % |
| SBS    | 44                         | 28       | 28    | 29             | 24       | 47    |
| SLS    | 41                         | 27       | 32    | 19             | 39       | 42    |
| NLS    | 55                         | 29       | 16    | 61             | 26       | 13    |
| Total  | 46                         | 28       | 26    | 36             | 30       | 34    |

**b) Commencement of Auction sales:**

Auctions for the sale of the 2024-25 Andhra Pradesh FCV tobacco crop at 16 auction platforms have commenced in 3 phases. In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase, auctions commenced on 10/03/2025 at 4 auction platforms in the SBS & SLS Regions; in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, auctions commenced on 19/03/2025 at 7 auction platforms in the SBS & SLS Regions; and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase, auctions commenced 24/03/2025 at the remaining 5 auction platforms in the NLS Region.

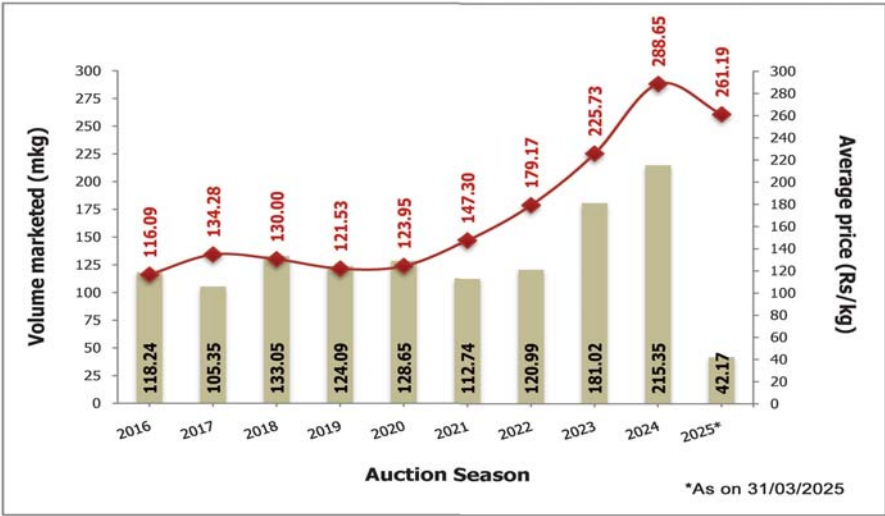
**c) Volume marketed and prices realized:**

Auctions at all the auction platforms have commenced on a positive note. As on 31/03/2025, a volume of 4.74 mkg was marketed at an average price of ₹273.34 per kg and was higher by ₹42.56 per kg over the previous year's average price for the corresponding volume marketed.

Soil Region wise average prices realized as on 31/03/2025 in comparison with the corresponding volume marketed the previous year are given hereunder:

| Soil Region | Qty. mktd. (mkg)<br>2024-25 | Avg. price realised (₹/kg) |         | Diff. in Avg. Price over previous year (₹/kg) |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------|
|             |                             | 2024-25                    | 2023-24 |                                               |
| SBS         | 1.76                        | 270.66                     | 229.27  | + 41.39                                       |
| SLS         | 2.48                        | 273.45                     | 229.13  | + 44.32                                       |
| NLS         | 0.51                        | 282.03                     | 239.48  | + 42.55                                       |
| TOTAL       | 4.74                        | 273.34                     | 230.78  | + 42.56                                       |

Average prices and volumes of FCV tobacco marketed in auctions for the last 10 years in Andhra Pradesh:



e) Average prices realized for Bright, Medium and low grades as on 31/03/2025 in comparison with the corresponding volumes marketed previous year are as follows:

| Grade  | Volume mkted.<br>(mkg)<br>2024-25 | Avg. price realised<br>(₹/kg) |         | Diff. in Avg. Price<br>over previous year<br>(₹/kg) |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|        |                                   | 2024-25                       | 2023-24 |                                                     |
| Bright | 2.89                              | 276.35                        | 231.91  | + 44.44                                             |
| Medium | 1.81                              | 269.08                        | 231.75  | + 37.33                                             |
| Low    | 0.04                              | 248.33                        | 224.37  | + 23.96                                             |
| TOTAL  | 4.74                              | 273.34                        | 230.78  | + 42.56                                             |

A statement showing auction platform wise volumes of tobacco marketed, average prices realized and highest bids recorded as on 31/03/2025 are placed at **Annexure-II**.

IV. TOTAL VOLUME OF TOBACCO MARKETED DURING FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25:

The total volume of tobacco marketed during the period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 at all the auction platforms both in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka was 288.39 mkg and the average price realized was ₹283.69 per kg. The auction platform wise details are placed at **Annexure-I**.

The details of volume of tobacco purchased, percentage share and average prices paid by exporters and dealers both in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during the period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 are placed at **Annexure-IV**.

ANNEXURE-I

AUCTION PLATFORM WISE VOLUME OF TOBACCO MARKETED IN AUCTIONS IN  
 ANDHRA PRADESH AND KARNATAKA DURING THE PERIOD 01/04/2024 TO 31/03/2025

| Sl. No.           | Name of the Auction Platform | 2023-24 AP Auctions<br>volume mktd.<br>during the period<br>01/04/2024 to 14/10/2024 |                     | 2024-25<br>AP Auctions volume<br>mktd. durngthe period<br>10/03/2025 to 31/03/2025 |                     | Total volume mktd.<br>during the period<br>01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 |                     |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                   |                              | Volume Mktd.<br>(kg)                                                                 | Avg. Pri.<br>(₹/kg) | Volume Mktd.<br>(kg)                                                               | Avg. Pri.<br>(₹/kg) | Volume Mktd.<br>(kg)                                                | Avg. Pri.<br>(₹/kg) |
| I. ANDHRA PRADESH |                              |                                                                                      |                     |                                                                                    |                     |                                                                     |                     |
| 1                 | Ongole - I                   | 16321308.1                                                                           | 283.16              | 651817.1                                                                           | 269.66              | 16973125.2                                                          | 282.64              |
| 2                 | Ongole - II                  | 12020991.5                                                                           | 276.56              | 131381.8                                                                           | 270.28              | 12152373.3                                                          | 276.49              |
| 3                 | Tangutur-I                   | 15008911.6                                                                           | 282.16              | 226818.9                                                                           | 272.26              | 15235730.5                                                          | 282.01              |
| 4                 | Kondepi                      | 15674874.8                                                                           | 274.20              | 608187.6                                                                           | 271.88              | 16283062.4                                                          | 274.11              |
| 5                 | Vellampalli-II               | 13736882.2                                                                           | 284.49              | 137539.0                                                                           | 267.69              | 13874421.2                                                          | 284.32              |
| TOTAL (SBS)       |                              | 72762968.2                                                                           | 280.18              | 1755744.4                                                                          | 270.66              | 74518712.6                                                          | 279.96              |
| 6                 | Podili - I                   | 13727005.1                                                                           | 270.51              | 633489.0                                                                           | 271.16              | 14360494.1                                                          | 270.54              |
| 7                 | Kandukur - I                 | 15145003.9                                                                           | 279.71              | 480175.1                                                                           | 273.71              | 15625179.0                                                          | 279.53              |
| 8                 | Kandukur - II                | 12555132.1                                                                           | 273.07              | 284484.6                                                                           | 271.98              | 12839616.7                                                          | 273.05              |
| 9                 | Kaligiri                     | 6524943.9                                                                            | 269.37              | 403335.8                                                                           | 275.52              | 6928279.7                                                           | 269.73              |
| 10                | D.C. Palli                   | 8713037.9                                                                            | 265.46              | 494547.8                                                                           | 275.65              | 9207585.7                                                           | 266.01              |
| 11                | Kanigiri                     | 6947362.4                                                                            | 264.16              | 179190.8                                                                           | 272.48              | 7126553.2                                                           | 264.37              |
| TOTAL (SLS)       |                              | 63612485.3                                                                           | 271.70              | 2475223.1                                                                          | 273.45              | 66087708.4                                                          | 271.77              |
| 12                | Devarapalli                  | 10446791.8                                                                           | 320.46              | 49318.4                                                                            | 283.77              | 10496110.2                                                          | 320.29              |
| 13                | J.R.Gudem - I                | 14478706.8                                                                           | 326.65              | 142133.0                                                                           | 281.49              | 14620839.8                                                          | 326.21              |
| 14                | Koyyalagudem                 | 14287034.3                                                                           | 328.32              | 101479.2                                                                           | 283.90              | 14388513.5                                                          | 328.01              |
| 15                | J.R.Gudem - II               | 14635310.5                                                                           | 326.40              | 174636.9                                                                           | 280.07              | 14809947.4                                                          | 325.85              |
| 16                | Gopalapuram                  | 11522854.6                                                                           | 331.15              | 42978.3                                                                            | 285.35              | 11565832.9                                                          | 330.98              |
| TOTAL (NLS)       |                              | 65370698.0                                                                           | 326.76              | 510545.8                                                                           | 282.03              | 65881243.8                                                          | 326.42              |
| SUB TOTAL         |                              | 201746151.5                                                                          | 292.60              | 4741513.3                                                                          | 273.34              | 206487664.8                                                         | 292.16              |

ANNEXURE-I

AUCTION PLATFORM WISE VOLUME OF TOBACCO MARKETED IN AUCTIONS IN  
 ANDHRA PRADESH AND KARNATAKA DURING THE PERIOD 01/04/2024 TO 31/03/2025

| Sl. No.                  | Name of the Auction Platform | 2023-24 Karnataka Auctions<br>volume mkt'd. during the period<br>01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 |                     | 2024-25 Karnataka Auctions<br>volume mkt'd. during the period<br>07/10/2024 to 31/03/2025 |                     | Total volume mkt'd.<br>during the period<br>01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 |                     |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                          |                              | Volume Mkt'd.<br>(kg)                                                                     | Avg. Pri.<br>(₹/kg) | Volume Mkt'd.<br>(kg)                                                                     | Avg. Pri.<br>(₹/kg) | Volume Mkt'd.<br>(kg)                                                | Avg. Pri.<br>(₹/kg) |
| II. KARNATAKA            |                              |                                                                                           |                     |                                                                                           |                     |                                                                      |                     |
| 1                        | H.D.Kote-I                   | 0.0                                                                                       | 0.00                | 8370929.4                                                                                 | 256.47              | 8370929.4                                                            | 256.47              |
| 2                        | Hunsur-I                     | 0.0                                                                                       | 0.00                | 7827304.7                                                                                 | 262.74              | 7827304.7                                                            | 262.74              |
| 3                        | Hunsur-II                    | 0.0                                                                                       | 0.00                | 7585086.7                                                                                 | 260.71              | 7585086.7                                                            | 260.71              |
| 4                        | Periyapatna-I                | 0.0                                                                                       | 0.00                | 8052229.9                                                                                 | 261.20              | 8052229.9                                                            | 261.20              |
| 5                        | Periyapatna-II               | 0.0                                                                                       | 0.00                | 9879441.2                                                                                 | 272.74              | 9879441.2                                                            | 272.74              |
| 6                        | Periyapatna-III              | 0.0                                                                                       | 0.00                | 8920618.7                                                                                 | 266.92              | 8920618.7                                                            | 266.92              |
| 7                        | Ramanathapura-I              | 0.0                                                                                       | 0.00                | 7975002.7                                                                                 | 254.95              | 7975002.7                                                            | 254.95              |
| 8                        | Chilkunda                    | 0.0                                                                                       | 0.00                | 11578150.4                                                                                | 266.03              | 11578150.4                                                           | 266.03              |
| 9                        | Ramanathapura-II             | 0.0                                                                                       | 0.00                | 6486866.9                                                                                 | 258.92              | 6486866.9                                                            | 258.92              |
| 10                       | Hunsur-III                   | 0.0                                                                                       | 0.00                | 5226554.2                                                                                 | 254.91              | 5226554.2                                                            | 254.91              |
| SUB TOTAL                |                              | 0.0                                                                                       | 0.00                | 81902184.8                                                                                | 262.32              | 81902184.8                                                           | 262.32              |
| GRAND TOTAL<br>(AP & KK) |                              | 201746151.5                                                                               | 292.60              | 86643698.1                                                                                | 262.92              | 288389849.6                                                          | 283.69              |

## ANNEXURE-II

**2024-25 ANDHRA PRADESH AUCTIONS - AUCTION PLATFORM WISE  
PARTICULARS OF FCV TOBACCO AUCTIONED AS ON 31/03/2025**

| Sl. No.            | Name of the Auction Platform | APF No. | Targeted production (m.kg) | Estimated production (m.kg) | Date of commencement | No. of bales sold | Highest bid recorded (₹/kg) | Volume marketed (kg) | Value of tobacco marketed (₹) | Avg. price (₹/kg) |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1                  | Ongole - I                   | 20      | 11.81                      | 19.30                       | 10/03/2025           | 4980              | 281.00                      | 651817.1             | 175768999.19                  | 269.66            |
| 2                  | Ongole - II                  | 23      | 9.24                       | 14.00                       | 19/03/2025           | 981               | 280.00                      | 131381.8             | 35509872.90                   | 270.28            |
| 3                  | Tangutur-I                   | 24      | 11.97                      | 16.50                       | 19/03/2025           | 1703              | 280.00                      | 226818.9             | 61753713.71                   | 272.26            |
| 4                  | Kondepi                      | 25      | 12.10                      | 18.90                       | 10/03/2025           | 4670              | 280.00                      | 608187.6             | 165354044.69                  | 271.88            |
| 5                  | Vellampally - II             | 31      | 9.99                       | 16.00                       | 19/03/2025           | 1027              | 280.00                      | 137539.0             | 36817814.91                   | 267.69            |
| <b>TOTAL (SBS)</b> |                              |         | <b>55.11</b>               | <b>84.70</b>                |                      | <b>13361</b>      | <b>281.00</b>               | <b>1755744.4</b>     | <b>475204445.40</b>           | <b>270.66</b>     |
| 6                  | Podili - I                   | 22      | 11.43                      | 17.00                       | 10/03/2025           | 4893              | 280.00                      | 633489.0             | 171776877.24                  | 271.16            |
| 7                  | Kandukur - I                 | 26      | 10.92                      | 18.00                       | 10/03/2025           | 3681              | 280.00                      | 480175.1             | 131428726.62                  | 273.71            |
| 8                  | Kandukur - II                | 27      | 9.34                       | 15.00                       | 19/03/2025           | 2166              | 280.00                      | 284484.6             | 77374121.51                   | 271.98            |
| 9                  | Kaligiri                     | 28      | 5.47                       | 7.50                        | 19/03/2025           | 3141              | 280.00                      | 403335.8             | 111127079.62                  | 275.52            |
| 10                 | D.C. Palli                   | 29      | 7.47                       | 10.50                       | 19/03/2025           | 3772              | 280.00                      | 494547.8             | 136322101.07                  | 275.65            |
| 11                 | Kanigiri                     | 35      | 5.52                       | 8.20                        | 19/03/2025           | 1355              | 280.00                      | 179190.8             | 48825909.18                   | 272.48            |
| <b>TOTAL (SLS)</b> |                              |         | <b>50.15</b>               | <b>76.20</b>                |                      | <b>19008</b>      | <b>280.00</b>               | <b>2475223.1</b>     | <b>676854815.24</b>           | <b>273.45</b>     |
| 12                 | Devarapalli                  | 17      | 11.51                      | 11.50                       | 24/03/2025           | 364               | 290.00                      | 49318.4              | 13995082.37                   | 283.77            |
| 13                 | J.R. Gudem - I               | 18      | 12.64                      | 17.50                       | 24/03/2025           | 1079              | 290.00                      | 142133.0             | 40009018.17                   | 281.49            |
| 14                 | Koyyalagudem                 | 30      | 12.62                      | 17.00                       | 24/03/2025           | 776               | 290.00                      | 101479.2             | 28809944.88                   | 283.90            |
| 15                 | J.R. Gudem - II              | 32      | 13.00                      | 20.50                       | 24/03/2025           | 1327              | 290.00                      | 174636.9             | 48910556.58                   | 280.07            |
| 16                 | Gopalapuram                  | 33      | 11.97                      | 13.00                       | 24/03/2025           | 327               | 290.00                      | 42978.3              | 12263857.91                   | 285.35            |
| <b>TOTAL(NLS)</b>  |                              |         | <b>61.74</b>               | <b>79.50</b>                |                      | <b>3873</b>       | <b>290.00</b>               | <b>510545.8</b>      | <b>143988459.91</b>           | <b>282.03</b>     |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> |                              |         | <b>167.00</b>              | <b>240.40</b>               |                      | <b>36242</b>      | <b>290.00</b>               | <b>4741513.3</b>     | <b>1296047720.55</b>          | <b>273.34</b>     |

2024-25 KARNATAKA AUCTIONS - AUCTION PLATFORM WISE PARTICULARS OF  
FCV TOBACCO AUCTIONED AS ON 31/03/2025

| Sl. No.     | Name of the Auction Platform | APF No. | Targetted Production (mkg) | Estimated Production (mkg) | Date of commencement | No. of bales sold | Highest bid recorded (₹ kg) | Volume marketed (kg) | Value of tobacco marketed (₹) | Avg. price (₹/kg) |
|-------------|------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1           | H.D. Kote                    | 1       | 9.92                       | 9.80                       | 07/10/2024           | 89064             | 361.00                      | 8370929.4            | 2146892263.22                 | 256.47            |
| 2           | Hunsur - I                   | 2       | 8.04                       | 9.20                       | 07/10/2024           | 79812             | 365.00                      | 7827304.7            | 2056546036.88                 | 262.74            |
| 3           | Hunsur - II                  | 3       | 7.18                       | 8.50                       | 07/10/2024           | 77816             | 366.00                      | 7585086.7            | 1977507953.56                 | 260.71            |
| 4           | Periyapatna - I              | 4       | 12.77                      | 9.03                       | 07/10/2024           | 80713             | 365.00                      | 8052229.9            | 2103242449.88                 | 261.20            |
| 5           | Periyapatna - II             | 5       | 12.02                      | 11.40                      | 07/10/2024           | 93684             | 367.00                      | 9879441.2            | 2694518792.89                 | 272.74            |
| 6           | Periyapatna - III            | 6       | 11.97                      | 10.30                      | 07/10/2024           | 87227             | 367.00                      | 8920618.7            | 2381091543.40                 | 266.92            |
| 7           | Ramanathapura-I              | 7       | 9.84                       | 8.62                       | 07/10/2024           | 83092             | 365.00                      | 7975002.7            | 2033226938.37                 | 254.95            |
| 8           | Chilkunda                    | 62      | 14.35                      | 13.30                      | 07/10/2024           | 117601            | 367.00                      | 11578150.4           | 3080135350.91                 | 266.03            |
| 9           | Ramanathapura-II             | 63      | 7.80                       | 6.75                       | 07/10/2024           | 66879             | 337.00                      | 6486866.9            | 1679579577.75                 | 258.92            |
| 10          | Hunsur - III                 | 64      | 6.11                       | 6.20                       | 07/10/2024           | 54145             | 366.00                      | 5226554.2            | 1332300931.12                 | 254.91            |
| Grand Total |                              |         | 100.00                     | 93.10                      |                      | 830033            | 367.00                      | 81902184.8           | 21485041837.97                | 262.32            |

## ANNEXURE-IV

**COMPANY WISE FCV TOBACCO PURCHASES IN AUCTIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH AND  
KARNATAKA DURING THE PERIOD 01/04/2024 TO 31/03/2025**

| Sl. No.   | NAME OF THE BUYER<br>M/s                    | 2023-24 AP CROP                  |                   |         | 2024-25 AP CROP                  |                   |         | 2024-25 KARNATAKA CROP           |                   |        |             | TOTAL<br>(From 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025) |                   |         |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
|           |                                             | From 01/04/2024<br>To 14/10/2024 |                   | % share | From 10/03/2025<br>To 31/03/2025 |                   | % share | From 07/10/2024<br>To 31/03/2025 |                   |        | % share     | Volume (kg)                              | Avg. price (₹/kg) | % share |
|           |                                             | Volume (kg)                      | Avg. price (₹/kg) |         | Volume (kg)                      | Avg. price (₹/kg) |         | Volume (kg)                      | Avg. price (₹/kg) |        |             |                                          |                   |         |
| EXPORTERS |                                             |                                  |                   |         |                                  |                   |         |                                  |                   |        |             |                                          |                   |         |
| 1         | ITC Limited                                 | 67369663.7                       | 33.39             | 309.99  | 2443304.4                        | 51.53             | 272.51  | 36603247.8                       | 44.69             | 275.40 | 106416215.9 | 36.90                                    | 297.23            |         |
| 2         | Godfrey Phillips India Limited              | 14636797.7                       | 7.26              | 306.63  | 395570.4                         | 8.34              | 277.60  | 5577192.1                        | 6.81              | 261.02 | 20609560.2  | 7.15                                     | 293.73            |         |
| 3         | Polisetty Somasundaram                      | 19904939.1                       | 9.87              | 282.45  |                                  |                   |         | 6254181.9                        | 7.64              | 232.89 | 26159121.0  | 9.07                                     | 270.60            |         |
| 4         | Deccan Tobacco Exports Pvt. Ltd.            | 13433125.0                       | 6.66              | 257.64  | 694949.0                         | 14.66             | 271.65  | 8541437.8                        | 10.43             | 262.41 | 22669511.8  | 7.86                                     | 259.87            |         |
| 5         | Alliance One Industries India Pvt. Ltd.     | 13021019.1                       | 6.45              | 278.71  | 360230.5                         | 7.60              | 276.81  | 2337750.2                        | 2.85              | 248.96 | 15718999.8  | 5.45                                     | 274.24            |         |
| 6         | Premier Tobacco Packers Pvt. Ltd.           | 1167768.1                        | 0.58              | 235.05  | 223973.3                         | 4.72              | 274.40  | 1205772.9                        | 1.47              | 286.58 | 2597514.3   | 0.90                                     | 262.36            |         |
| 7         | Pragathi Tobacco Traders India Pvt. Ltd.    | 3055476.4                        | 1.51              | 285.99  | 217556.4                         | 4.59              | 276.27  | 1497582.5                        | 1.83              | 210.23 | 4770615.3   | 1.65                                     | 261.76            |         |
| 8         | Mohammed Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.              | 2788777.7                        | 1.38              | 330.87  |                                  |                   |         | 427911.9                         | 0.52              | 230.04 | 3216689.6   | 1.12                                     | 317.46            |         |
| 9         | Mittapalli Audinarayana Ent. Pvt. Ltd.      | 650529.6                         | 0.32              | 209.33  | 21972.8                          | 0.46              | 270.26  | 1129062.4                        | 1.38              | 181.72 | 1801564.8   | 0.62                                     | 192.77            |         |
| 10        | Shaik Masthan Saheb Tobacco Ent.            | 5296637.9                        | 2.63              | 243.15  | 103181.1                         | 2.18              | 271.87  | 3998633.5                        | 4.88              | 180.98 | 9398452.5   | 3.26                                     | 217.01            |         |
| 11        | K.S. Subbiah Pillai & Co. (India) Pvt. Ltd. | 725825.1                         | 0.36              | 278.00  |                                  |                   |         | 509407.9                         | 0.62              | 287.27 | 1235233.0   | 0.43                                     | 281.82            |         |
| 12        | Yarlagadda Exports Pvt. Ltd.                | 1630305.6                        | 0.81              | 245.28  | 12800.2                          | 0.27              | 265.12  | 132405.9                         | 0.16              | 286.63 | 1775511.7   | 0.62                                     | 248.51            |         |
| 13        | Maddi Lakshmaiah & Co. Pvt. Ltd.            | 1888390.8                        | 0.94              | 238.44  |                                  |                   |         |                                  |                   |        | 1888390.8   | 0.65                                     | 238.44            |         |
| 14        | Teja Tobacco Traders                        | 1376048.2                        | 0.68              | 312.61  |                                  |                   |         |                                  |                   |        | 1376048.2   | 0.48                                     | 312.61            |         |
| 15        | Ali Enterprises                             | 2494315.6                        | 1.24              | 277.79  | 32711.9                          | 0.69              | 256.04  | 1218123.8                        | 1.49              | 256.99 | 3745151.3   | 1.30                                     | 270.83            |         |
| 16        | Avinash Tobaccos                            | 236616.3                         | 0.12              | 257.04  |                                  |                   |         | 478015.7                         | 0.58              | 292.39 | 714632.0    | 0.25                                     | 280.69            |         |

ANNEXURE-IV

COMPANY WISE FCV TOBACCO PURCHASES IN AUCTIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH AND KARNATAKA DURING THE PERIOD 01/04/2024 TO 31/03/2025

| Sl. No. | NAME OF THE BUYER M/s              | 2023-24 AP CROP               |             |                   | 2024-25 AP CROP |                               |             | 2024-25 KARNATAKA CROP |         |                               | TOTAL       |                   |         |
|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|
|         |                                    | From 01/04/2024 To 14/10/2024 | Volume (kg) | Avg. price (₹/kg) | % share         | From 10/03/2025 To 31/03/2025 | Volume (kg) | Avg. price (₹/kg)      | % share | From 07/10/2024 To 31/03/2025 | Volume (kg) | Avg. price (₹/kg) | % share |
| 17      | Cartel Tobaccos                    | 2084447.5                     | 1.03        | 255.33            |                 |                               | 566926.0    | 0.69                   | 203.26  |                               | 2651373.5   | 0.92              | 244.20  |
| 18      | Panchajanya Tobacco Exports        | 84209.7                       | 0.04        | 301.60            |                 | 29731.9                       | 0.63        | 270.49                 | 51.88   |                               | 185581.4    | 0.06              | 200.22  |
| 19      | Model Rag Exports                  | 1275440.9                     | 0.63        | 338.71            |                 |                               | 412706.5    | 0.50                   | 285.66  |                               | 1688147.4   | 0.59              | 325.74  |
| 20      | PrapalshaAgros Limited             | 355235.0                      | 0.18        | 213.14            |                 | 10341.7                       | 0.22        | 272.31                 | 242.93  |                               | 499169.1    | 0.17              | 222.34  |
| 21      | Prakasam Enterprises               | 878146.2                      | 0.44        | 286.60            |                 |                               | 580389.8    | 0.71                   | 276.05  |                               | 1458536.0   | 0.51              | 282.40  |
| 22      | K.K. Mohan Enterprises             | 139453.6                      | 0.07        | 244.74            |                 |                               |             |                        |         |                               | 139453.6    | 0.05              | 244.74  |
| 23      | Sri Hanuma Enterprises             | 2396629.4                     | 1.19        | 306.73            |                 | 27155.0                       | 0.57        | 279.17                 | 303.74  |                               | 2705129.1   | 0.94              | 306.14  |
| 24      | K.R. & CO.                         | 502978.9                      | 0.25        | 325.93            |                 |                               | 263351.7    | 0.32                   | 294.01  |                               | 766330.6    | 0.27              | 314.96  |
| 25      | Elite Leaf Tobacco Company         | 572708.7                      | 0.28        | 322.20            |                 | 13597.0                       | 0.29        | 286.14                 | 290.08  |                               | 785109.6    | 0.27              | 313.44  |
| 26      | Bommidala Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.    | 7916308.4                     | 3.92        | 305.45            |                 |                               |             |                        |         |                               | 7916308.4   | 2.75              | 305.45  |
| 27      | ML Exports                         | 599054.3                      | 0.30        | 284.37            |                 |                               |             |                        |         |                               | 599054.3    | 0.21              | 284.37  |
| 28      | Platinum Tobacco Company           |                               |             |                   |                 |                               | 190441.8    | 0.23                   | 239.01  |                               | 190441.8    | 0.07              | 239.01  |
| 29      | Platinum Tobacco Exports Pvt. Ltd. |                               |             |                   |                 |                               | 261890.5    | 0.32                   | 252.11  |                               | 261890.5    | 0.09              | 252.11  |
| 30      | Bommidala Brothers                 |                               |             |                   |                 |                               | 664927.3    | 0.81                   | 309.74  |                               | 664927.3    | 0.23              | 309.74  |
| 31      | Venkata Suresh Enterprises         | 239345.4                      | 0.12        | 238.41            |                 |                               | 277165.0    | 0.34                   | 260.91  |                               | 516510.4    | 0.18              | 250.48  |
| 32      | Sri Vijayakrishna Enterprises      | 168596.1                      | 0.08        | 214.70            |                 |                               |             |                        |         |                               | 168596.1    | 0.06              | 214.70  |
| 33      | Tyro Impex                         | 36458.0                       | 0.02        | 234.52            |                 |                               |             |                        |         |                               | 36458.0     | 0.01              | 234.52  |

ANNEXURE-IV

COMPANY WISE FCV TOBACCO PURCHASES IN AUCTIONS IN ANDHRA PRADESH AND KARNATAKA DURING THE PERIOD 01/04/2024 TO 31/03/2025

| Sl. No. | NAME OF THE BUYER M/s         | 2023-24 AP CROP               |                   |         | 2024-25 AP CROP               |                   |         | 2024-25 KARNATAKA CROP        |                   |         | TOTAL                         |                   |         |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
|         |                               | From 01/04/2024 To 14/10/2024 | Avg. price (₹/kg) | % share | From 10/03/2025 To 31/03/2025 | Avg. price (₹/kg) | % share | From 07/10/2024 To 31/03/2025 | Avg. price (₹/kg) | % share | From 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025 | Avg. price (₹/kg) | % share |
|         |                               | Volume (kg)                   |                   |         | Volume (kg)                   |                   |         | Volume (kg)                   |                   |         | Volume (kg)                   |                   |         |
| 34      | Sreenidhi Exporters           | 268569.4                      | 0.13              | 357.51  |                               |                   |         | 59095.2                       | 0.07              | 302.27  | 327664.6                      | 0.11              | 347.55  |
| 35      | Arka International Pvt. Ltd.  | 349039.4                      | 0.17              | 350.32  |                               |                   |         |                               |                   |         | 349039.4                      | 0.12              | 350.32  |
| 36      | Sri Mahalakshmi Investments   | 538450.8                      | 0.27              | 367.17  |                               |                   |         |                               |                   |         | 538450.8                      | 0.19              | 367.17  |
| 37      | Pacartel Exports              | 83427.0                       | 0.04              | 374.56  |                               |                   |         |                               |                   |         | 83427.0                       | 0.03              | 374.56  |
| 38      | KSR Exports                   | 125266.0                      | 0.06              | 294.91  |                               |                   |         | 88472.2                       | 0.11              | 297.46  | 213738.2                      | 0.07              | 295.97  |
| 39      | Sri Vanadurga Tobaccos        |                               |                   |         |                               |                   |         | 15226.1                       | 0.02              | 291.13  | 15226.1                       | 0.01              | 291.13  |
| 40      | Sivaji Enterprises            |                               |                   |         | 35278.6                       | 0.74              | 275.37  | 96924.7                       | 0.12              | 306.70  | 132203.3                      | 0.05              | 298.34  |
| 41      | AR Tobacco Enterprises        |                               |                   |         |                               |                   |         | 93920.0                       | 0.11              | 97.45   | 93920.0                       | 0.03              | 97.45   |
| 42      | Venkata Sai Tobacco Pvt. Ltd. | 2886355.6                     | 1.43              | 218.14  |                               |                   |         | 273905.2                      | 0.33              | 258.80  | 3160260.8                     | 1.10              | 221.66  |
|         | Sub-Total                     | 171176356.2                   | 84.85             | 292.41  | 4622354.2                     | 97.49             | 273.35  | 74441449.1                    | 90.89             | 259.79  | 250240159.5                   | 86.77             | 282.35  |
|         | OTHERS (Dealers)              | 30569795.3                    | 15.15             | 293.67  | 119159.1                      | 2.51              | 273.14  | 7460735.7                     | 9.11              | 287.58  | 38149690.1                    | 13.23             | 292.41  |
|         | GRAND TOTAL                   | 201746151.5                   | 100.00            | 292.60  | 4741513.3                     | 100.00            | 273.34  | 81902184.8                    | 100.00            | 262.32  | 288389849.6                   | 100.00            | 283.69  |

TRADING WING

The Government of India had created Trading Wing in 1984 with margin money of ₹1.25 crore for its operations. The margin money available with the Board as on 31/03/2025 was ₹33.05 crore. The objective of Trading Wing is to purchase Virginia tobacco from growers on the Auction Platforms at prices fixed by the Government when it is expedient and dispose of the same in India or abroad as per Section 20-A of Tobacco Board Act, 1975. Trading Wing of Tobacco Board had not taken up any price support operations during 2024-2025, as the market was buoyant and the growers received better prices.

REGISTRATION AS PROCESSOR/MANUFACTURER / COMMERCIAL GRADERS OF VIRGINIA TOBACCO / EXPORTER OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS / PACKERS / DEALERS IN TOBACCO:

Under Sections 11A, 11B (i) and 12 of Tobacco Board Act, 1975, no person shall process Virginia Tobacco, Manufacture Virginia Tobacco Products, take up grading work relating to Virginia tobacco for commercial purposes, export tobacco or any tobacco products, function as a packer, auctioneer, or dealer in tobacco, unless he registers himself with the Board in accordance with the rules made under this Act. Individuals, firms or companies have to obtain Registration/Renewal of registration from the Tobacco Board for each category separately for carrying out the above business operations. The registration or renewal of registration granted by Tobacco Board is valid for one calendar year.

The particulars of Registration / Renewal of registration granted to different categories of traders for the year 2024 and for the year 2025 (as on 31/03/2025) are as follows:

| Sl. No. | Category                              | No. of Companies Registered |        |
|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|         |                                       | 2024                        | 2025 * |
| 1       | Processor of Virginia Tobacco         | 15                          | 02     |
| 2       | Manufacturer of Virginia Tobacco      | 35                          | 05     |
| 3       | Exporter of Tobacco                   | 230                         | 193    |
| 4       | Exporter of Tobacco Products          | 565                         | 428    |
| 5       | Dealer in Tobacco                     | 336                         | 316    |
| 6       | Packer of Tobacco                     | 21                          | 12     |
| 7       | Commercial Grader of Virginia tobacco | 17                          | 11     |
| Total   |                                       | 1,219                       | 967    |

\*As on 31/03/2025

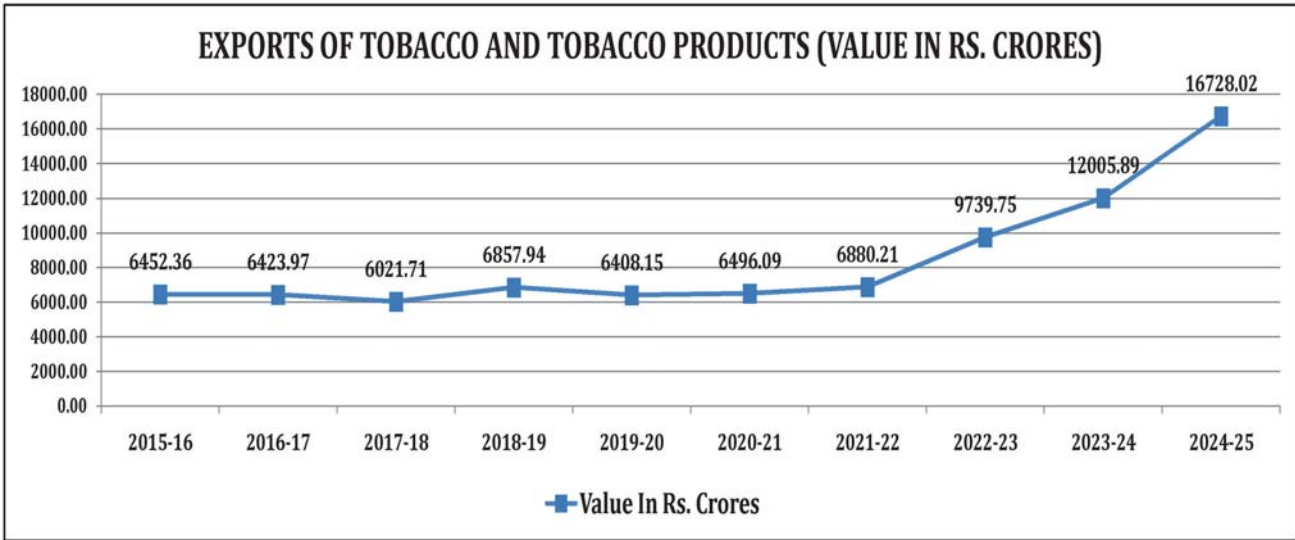
In line with the Government of India's initiative on "Digital India", Tobacco Board had introduced online system for e-filing of applications for grant of registration / renewal of registration under various categories of traders to provide a transparent and integrated electronic services to the tobacco trade. E-filing of applications has been made mandatory for obtaining registration/renewal of registration by all categories of traders through Tobacco Board portal [www.tobaccoboard.in](http://www.tobaccoboard.in).

Tobacco Board has on-boarded to National Single Window System on 22/09/2021 for fresh investors/traders. The NSWS portal is accessible to investors for registration with Tobacco Board under various categories.

EXPORTS OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS FROM INDIA

Indian exports of unmanufactured tobacco and tobacco products have registered highest ever exports of ₹16,728.02 Crore and 1979.00million USD during 2024-25.

India is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest producer and 2<sup>nd</sup> largest exporter of unmanufactured tobacco in the world. (Source: FAO Stat Data 2023, ITC TRADEMAP 2024). During 2024-25, Indian exports of tobacco and tobacco products comprise of unmanufactured tobacco, tobacco refuse (HS code: 2401- constituting 74.67% of total value of exports) consisting of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco and Non-FCV tobaccos viz., Burley, HDBRG, Sun Cured Country (SCC), Lal Chopadia, Rustica, Dark Fire Cured tobacco, Oriental etc., Cigars, Cheeroots, Cigarillos and Cigarettes, of Tobacco or of Tobacco Substitutes (HS Code : 2402- constituting 5.73% of total value of exports), Other Manufactured Tobacco and Manufactured Tobacco Substitutes Homogenized or Reconstituted Tobacco, Tobacco Extracts and Essences (HS Code : 2403 -constituting 18.75% of total value of exports) viz., Chewing tobacco, Cut tobacco, Hookah Tobacco Paste, Snuff and Bidis, etc., Products Containing Tobacco, Reconstituted Tobacco, Nicotine or Tobacco or Nicotine Substitutes Intended for Inhalation without Combustion; Other Nicotine Containing Products Intended for the Intake of Nicotine into the Human Body (HS Code 2404 - constituting 0.85% of total value of exports) viz., Others containing Nicotine and Oral Application.



Data Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

1. INDIAN TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS TRADE ANALYSIS

1.1 Overall export performance of tobacco and tobacco products from India:

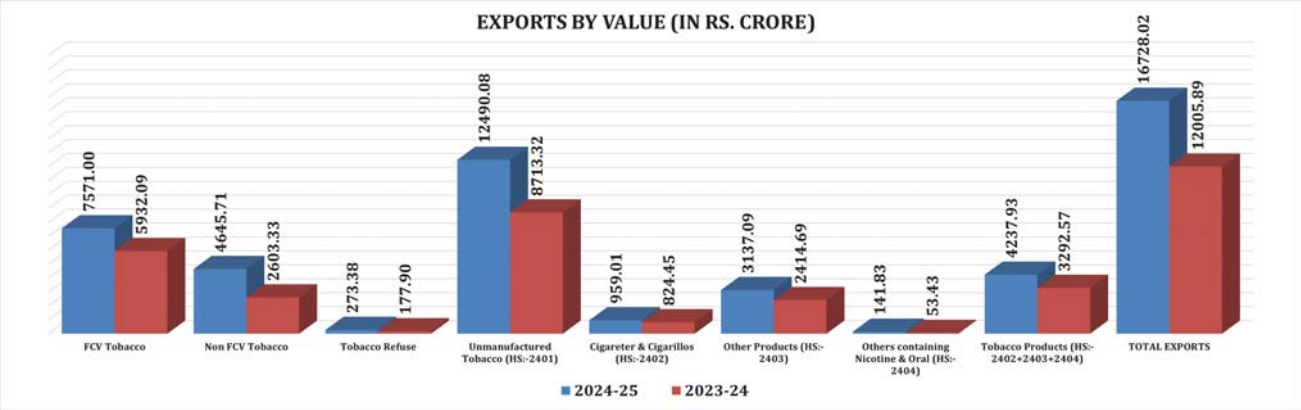
Indian exports of tobacco and tobacco products during 2024-25 were in the order of 3,64,575.84 M.Tonnes valued at ₹16,728.02 crore (US \$1979.00 million). The exports have registered a positive growth of 16%, 39% and 37% respectively in terms of quantity, value in rupees and in US dollars as compared to the exports made during 2023-24.

| CATEGORY                                         | 2024-25                |                   |                  | 2023-24                |                   |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|                                                  | Quantity<br>(M.Tonnes) | Value<br>(₹Crore) | Value<br>(M.USD) | Quantity<br>(M.Tonnes) | Value<br>(₹Crore) | Value<br>(M.USD) |
| 2401:- UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO AND TOBACCO REFUSE |                        |                   |                  |                        |                   |                  |
| FCV TOBACCO                                      | 146954.01              | 7571.00           | 895.90           | 143316.89              | 5932.09           | 716.15           |
| NON FCV TOBACCO                                  | 140046.51              | 4645.71           | 550.08           | 105372.25              | 2603.33           | 314.42           |
| TOBACCO REFUSE                                   | 36171.11               | 273.38            | 32.24            | 29764.53               | 177.90            | 21.47            |
| SUB TOTAL                                        | 323171.63              | 12490.08          | 1478.22          | 278453.66              | 8713.32           | 1052.04          |
| TOBACCO PRODUCTS (HS Code:- 2402, 2403 & 2404)   |                        |                   |                  |                        |                   |                  |
| Hscode:-2402                                     | 7705.21                | 959.01            | 113.04           | 8465.78                | 824.45            | 99.55            |
| Hscode:-2403                                     | 33367.57               | 3137.09           | 370.97           | 28454.65               | 2414.69           | 291.50           |
| Hscode:-2404                                     | 331.43                 | 141.83            | 16.78            | 137.88                 | 53.43             | 6.44             |
| SUB TOTAL                                        | 41404.21               | 4237.93           | 500.79           | 37058.30               | 3292.57           | 397.50           |
| GRAND TOTAL                                      | 364575.84              | 16728.02          | 1979.00          | 315511.96              | 12005.89          | 1449.54          |
| %Change Over (+/-)                               | 16                     | 39                | 37               | 8                      | 23                | 19               |

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

Explanatory Notes:

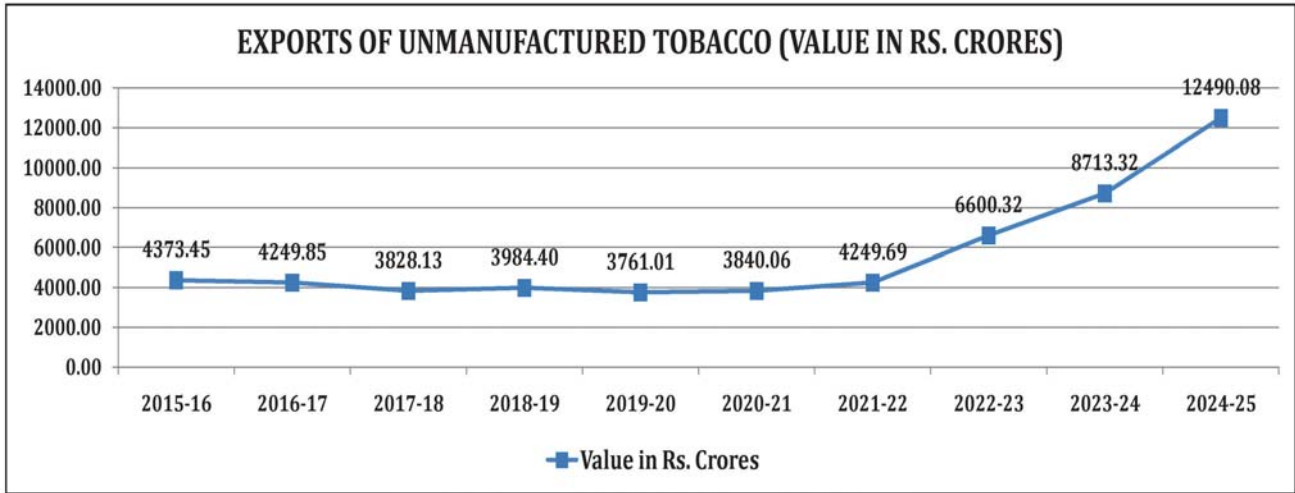
- HSCode-2401<sup>\*</sup> : UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO AND TOBACCO REFUSE
- HSCode-2402<sup>#</sup> : CIGARS, CHEROOTS, CIGARILLOS AND CIGARETTES OF TOBACCO OR OF TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES
- HSCode-2403<sup>@</sup> : OTHER MANUFACTURED TOBACCO AND TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES, HOMOGENIZED OR RECONSTITUTED TOBACCO; TOBACCO EXTRACTS & ESSENCES
- HSCode-2404<sup>^</sup> : PRODUCTS CONTAINING TOBACCO, RECONSTITUTED TOBACCO, NICOTINE, OR TOBACCO OR NICOTINE SUBSTITUTES, INTENDED FOR INHALATION WITHOUT COMBUSTION; OTHER NICOTINE CONTAINING PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR THE INTAKE OF NICOTINE INTO THE HUMAN BODY



Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

**1.2 Unmanufactured tobacco exports (HS Code 2401):**

Exports of unmanufactured tobacco during 2024-25 have increased by 16% in quantity terms to 3,23,171.63 tons, by 43% in terms of rupees to ₹12,490.08 crore and by 41% in dollar terms to 1,478.22 million USD which is against 2,78,483.66 tons of unmanufactured tobacco exported during 2023-24, valued at ₹8,713.32 crore and 1,052.04 million USD.



Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

**1.2.1 Type wise exports of unmanufactured tobacco; Tobacco Refuse (HS Code: 2401):**

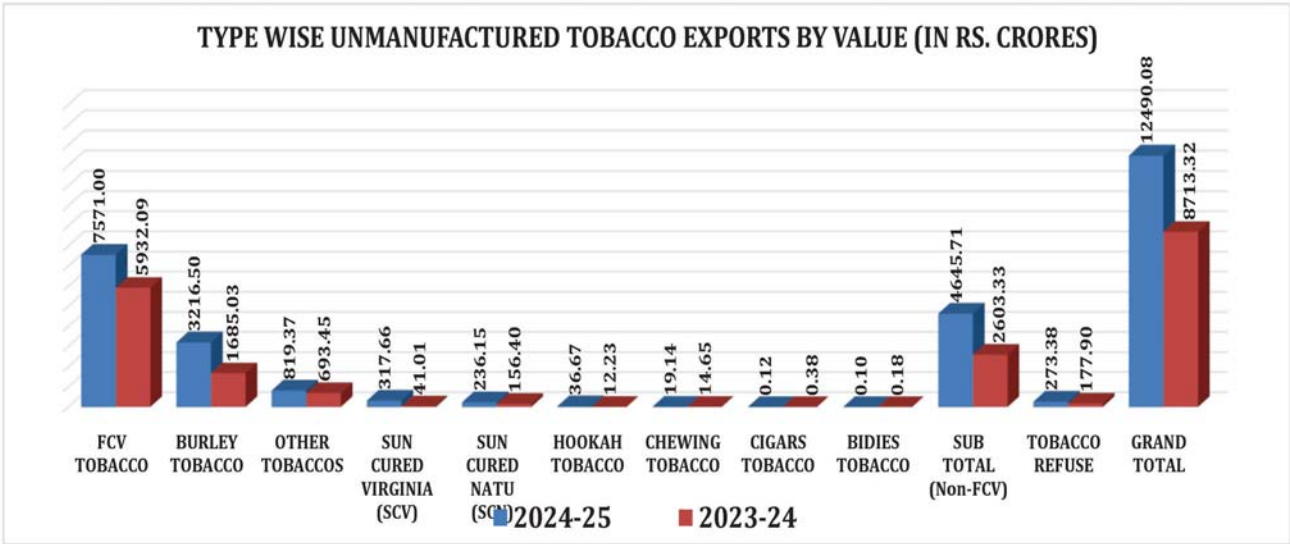
Of the total exports of Indian unmanufactured tobacco during the year 2024-25, FCV tobacco, constituted 45.47% share while non-FCV tobaccos accounted for 43.34% share and tobacco refuse accounted for 11.19% share in terms of quantity.

Among the non-FCV tobaccos, Burley accounted for the major share of 28.05% followed by Sun Cured Virginia (2.39%), Sun Cured Country (Natu) (2.25%), Chewing Tobacco (0.38%) and Hookah Tobacco (0.25%) of the total exports of unmanufactured tobaccos.

In value terms, FCV tobacco exports constituted 60.62% of the total unmanufactured tobacco exports while non-FCV tobacco exports accounted for 37.20% and tobacco refuse accounted for 2.18%.

| NAME OF COMMODITY                                | 2024-25             |                |                | 2023-24        |                     |                |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                                                  | Quantity (M.Tonnes) | % Change Y-o-Y | Value (₹Crore) | % Change Y-o-Y | Quantity (M.Tonnes) | Value (₹Crore) |
| 2401:- UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO AND TOBACCO REFUSE |                     |                |                |                |                     |                |
| FCV TOBACCO                                      | 146954.01           | 2.54           | 7571.00        | 27.63          | 143316.89           | 5932.09        |
| Non-FCV Tobaccos                                 |                     |                |                |                |                     |                |
| BURLEY TOBACCO                                   | 90664.78            | 43.71          | 3216.50        | 90.89          | 63087.35            | 1685.03        |
| OTHER TOBACCOS                                   | 32258.59            | -0.64          | 819.37         | 18.16          | 32467.07            | 693.45         |
| SUN CURED VIRGINIA (SCV)                         | 7737.99             | 454.28         | 317.66         | 674.50         | 1396.05             | 41.01          |
| SUN CURED NATU (SCN)                             | 7278.45             | 5.00           | 236.15         | 50.99          | 6931.90             | 156.40         |
| HOOKAH TOBACCO                                   | 811.80              | 164.77         | 36.67          | 199.89         | 306.60              | 12.23          |
| CHEWING TOBACCO                                  | 1242.95             | 16.76          | 19.14          | 30.58          | 1064.56             | 14.65          |
| CIGARS TOBACCO                                   | 12.96               | -75.49         | 0.12           | -68.62         | 52.88               | 0.38           |
| BIDIES TOBACCO                                   | 39.00               | -40.77         | 0.10           | -43.54         | 65.85               | 0.18           |
| SUB TOTAL (Non-FCV)                              | 140046.51           | 32.91          | 4645.71        | 78.45          | 105372.25           | 2603.33        |
| TOBACCO REFUSE                                   | 36171.11            | 21.52          | 273.38         | 53.67          | 29764.53            | 177.90         |
| TOTAL (FCV+Non FCV+Refuse)                       | 323171.63           | 16.06          | 12490.08       | 43.34          | 278453.66           | 8713.32        |

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata



Data Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

FCV tobacco exports during 2024-25 were in the order of 1,46,954.01 M.Tons valued at ₹7,571.00 crores (895.90 million USD) as against the exports of 1,43,316.89 M.Tons during 2023-24 valued at ₹5,932.09 crore (716.15 million USD). Exports of FCV tobacco during 2024-25 have increased by 3%, 28% and 25% respectively in terms of quantity, value in rupees and value in US dollars when compared with the exports made during the corresponding period of last year.

| Year    | Exports of FCV tobacco     |                     |                          | % Change in Value<br>(₹ Crore)<br>Y-o-Y |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|         | Quantity in<br>Metric Tons | Value<br>in ₹ Crore | Value in Million<br>US\$ |                                         |
| 2020-21 | 93456.85                   | 2619.63             | 352.85                   | 3                                       |
| 2021-22 | 105209.58                  | 2909.99             | 390.51                   | 11                                      |
| 2022-23 | 134891.54                  | 4535.07             | 565.27                   | 56                                      |
| 2023-24 | 143316.89                  | 5932.09             | 716.15                   | 31                                      |
| 2024-25 | 146954.01                  | 7571.00             | 895.90                   | 28                                      |

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

Last five years i.e., from 2020-21 to 2024-25, FCV tobacco exports have increased by 57.24%, 189.01% and 153.90% respectively in terms of quantity, value in rupees and dollar terms.

During 2024-25, the FCV exports have registered a positive growth of 3%, 28% and 25% respectively in terms of quantity, value in rupees and dollar terms when compared to the exports made during the corresponding period of last year.

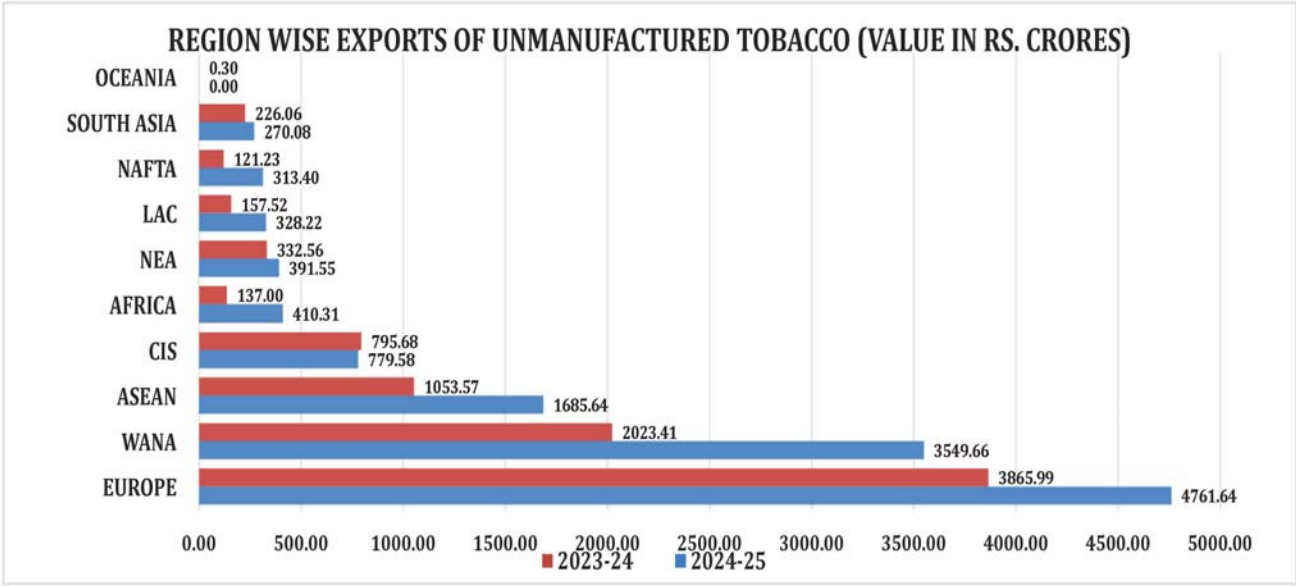
Non-FCV tobacco exports during 2024-25 were in the order of 1,40,046.51 metric tons valued at ₹4,645.71 Crore (550.08 million US\$) as against the exports of 1,05,372.25 metric tons valued at ₹2,603.33 Crore (314.42 million USD). Non-FCV tobacco exports during 2024-25 have increased by 33%, 78% and 75% respectively in terms of quantity, value in rupees and in US dollars respectively when compared to the corresponding period of last year.

**1.2.2 Region wise exports of unmanufactured tobacco; Tobacco Refuse (HS Code: 2401):**

All the regions have registered a positive growth during 2024-25 except CIS & Oceania region when compared with the exports made during 2023-24. Europe continues to be the major destination for Indian unmanufactured tobaccos with a share of about 38.12% in total exports in value terms. Exports to Europe region have increased by 23.17 % over last year. NEA, SOUTH ASIA, ASEAN, WANA, LAC, NAFTA and Africa have registered an increase of 17.74%, 19.47%, 59.99%, 75.43%, 108.36%, 158.52%, and 199.50% respectively during 2024-25 when compared with the exports made during the corresponding period of last year. However, a decline was noticed in the Oceania (-100%) and CIS (-2.02%) region.

| REGION                  | 2024-25                |            |                   |            | 2023-24                |                  |                   |                  | %               |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                         | Quantity<br>(M.Tonnes) | %<br>share | Value<br>(₹Crore) | %<br>share | Quantity<br>(M.Tonnes) | % share<br>share | Value<br>(₹Crore) | % share<br>share | Change<br>Value |
| UN-MANUFACTURED TOBACCO |                        |            |                   |            |                        |                  |                   |                  |                 |
| EUROPE                  | 1,20,581.00            | 37.31      | 4,761.64          | 38.12      | 1,17,948.60            | 42.36            | 3,865.99          | 44.37            | 23.17           |
| WANA                    | 93,017.94              | 28.78      | 3,549.66          | 28.42      | 71,120.58              | 25.54            | 2,023.41          | 23.22            | 75.43           |
| ASEAN                   | 44,046.13              | 13.63      | 1,685.64          | 13.50      | 32,748.70              | 11.76            | 1,053.57          | 12.09            | 59.99           |
| CIS                     | 18,590.12              | 5.75       | 779.58            | 6.24       | 21,207.98              | 7.62             | 795.68            | 9.13             | -2.02           |
| AFRICA                  | 9,246.23               | 2.86       | 410.31            | 3.29       | 5,082.33               | 1.83             | 137.00            | 1.57             | 199.50          |
| NEA                     | 8,758.18               | 2.71       | 391.55            | 3.13       | 9,283.78               | 3.33             | 332.56            | 3.82             | 17.74           |
| LAC                     | 10,262.80              | 3.18       | 328.22            | 2.63       | 5,872.45               | 2.11             | 157.52            | 1.81             | 108.36          |
| NAFTA                   | 9,457.49               | 2.93       | 313.40            | 2.51       | 5,906.49               | 2.12             | 121.23            | 1.39             | 158.52          |
| SOUTH ASIA              | 9,211.75               | 2.85       | 270.08            | 2.16       | 9,277.75               | 3.33             | 226.06            | 2.59             | 19.47           |
| OCEANIA                 | 0.00                   | 0.00       | 0.00              | 0.00       | 5.00                   | 0.00             | 0.30              | 0.00             | -100.00         |
| GRAND TOTAL             | 3,23,171.63            | 100.00     | 12,490.08         | 100.00     | 2,78,453.66            | 100.00           | 8,713.32          | 100.00           | 43.34           |

Data Source: DGCIS, Kolkata



1.2.3 Country wise Exports of unmanufactured tobacco; Tobacco Refuse (HS Code: 2401)  
(Top 10 markets)

(, Value in ₹ Crore)

| S. No.                 | NAME OF THE COUNTRY | 2024-25             |                | 2023-24             |                | % Change in Value (₹ Crore) |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
|                        |                     | Quantity (M.Tonnes) | VALUE (₹Crore) | Quantity (M.Tonnes) | VALUE (₹Crore) |                             |
| 1                      | BELGIUM             | 72146.06            | 2878.14        | 67886.41            | 2230.76        | 29.02                       |
| 2                      | UAE                 | 48549.53            | 2023.01        | 34531.11            | 1209.18        | 67.30                       |
| 3                      | INDONESIA           | 32312.97            | 1264.89        | 21693.21            | 724.73         | 74.53                       |
| 4                      | EGYPT A. RP.        | 28769.86            | 974.48         | 21303.67            | 398.71         | 144.41                      |
| 5                      | TURKEY              | 11384.02            | 428.73         | 6546.34             | 227.33         | 88.60                       |
| 6                      | KOREA RP.           | 8588.62             | 387.24         | 8778.98             | 309.38         | 25.17                       |
| 7                      | RUSSIA              | 10265.18            | 373.14         | 15633.87            | 586.86         | -36.42                      |
| 8                      | PHILIPPINES         | 8354.86             | 334.84         | 8102.10             | 252.47         | 32.63                       |
| 9                      | GREECE              | 7049.45             | 277.25         | 5839.14             | 183.00         | 51.50                       |
| 10                     | NETHERLAND          | 6610.34             | 274.98         | 6769.50             | 215.93         | 27.35                       |
| TOP-10 COUNTRIES TOTAL |                     | 234030.89           | 9216.69        | 197084.33           | 6338.33        | 45.41                       |
| OTHER COUNTRIES TOTAL  |                     | 89140.74            | 3273.39        | 81369.32            | 2374.99        | 37.83                       |
| GRAND TOTAL            |                     | 323171.63           | 12490.08       | 278453.66           | 8713.32        | 43.34                       |

Data Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

Exports to Belgium, the top importer, has shown 29.02% increase in value in rupee terms during 2024-25. Other major export markets which showed sharp increase are Egypt (144.41%), Turkey (88.06%), Indonesia (74.53%), UAE (67.30%), Greece (51.50%), Philippines (32.63%) and Korea RP (25.17%). Among the major export markets, Russia (-36.42%) showed a decline.

1.3 Exports of Tobacco Products (HS Code: 2402, 2403 & 2404)

The total tobacco product exports (HS Code: 2402, 2403 and 2404) during 2024-25 have increased by 12%, 29% and 26% respectively in quantity terms, value in rupees and dollar terms when compared with exports made during corresponding period in 2023-24.

During 2024-2025, the exports of Cigarettes and Cigars (HS Code: 2402) were in the order of 7,705.21 Metric tons valued at ₹959.01 crore (US\$ 113.04 million) as against the exports of 8465.78 Metric Tons valued at ₹824.45 Crore (US\$ 99.55) during corresponding period in 2023-24. The exports of Cigarettes and Cigars (HS Code: 2402) registered a positive growth of 16.32% and 13.54% respectively in value in rupees and dollar terms. However, the same have declined by 8.98% in quantity terms.

The exports of other tobacco products (HS Code: 2403) during 2024-25 were in the order of 33,367.57 Metric Tons valued at ₹3,137.09 Crore (US\$ 370.97) as against 28,454.65 Metric Tons valued at ₹2,414.69 Crore (US\$ 291.50) exported during 2023-24. The exports of other tobacco products (HS 2403) registered a positive growth of 17.27%, 29.92% and 27.26% respectively in quantity terms, value in rupees and dollar terms.

The exports of other products containing tobacco or nicotine substitutes intended for inhalation without combustion; other nicotine containing products intended for the intake of nicotine into the human body (HS Code: 2404) during 2024-25 were in the order of 331.43 metric tons valued at ₹141.83 Crores (US\$ 16.78) as against the exports of 137.88 metric tons valued at ₹53.43 Crore (US\$ 6.44 million) during 2023-24. The exports of other products (HS 2404) registered a positive growth of 140.37%, 165.44% and 160.35% respectively in quantity terms, value in rupees and dollar terms.

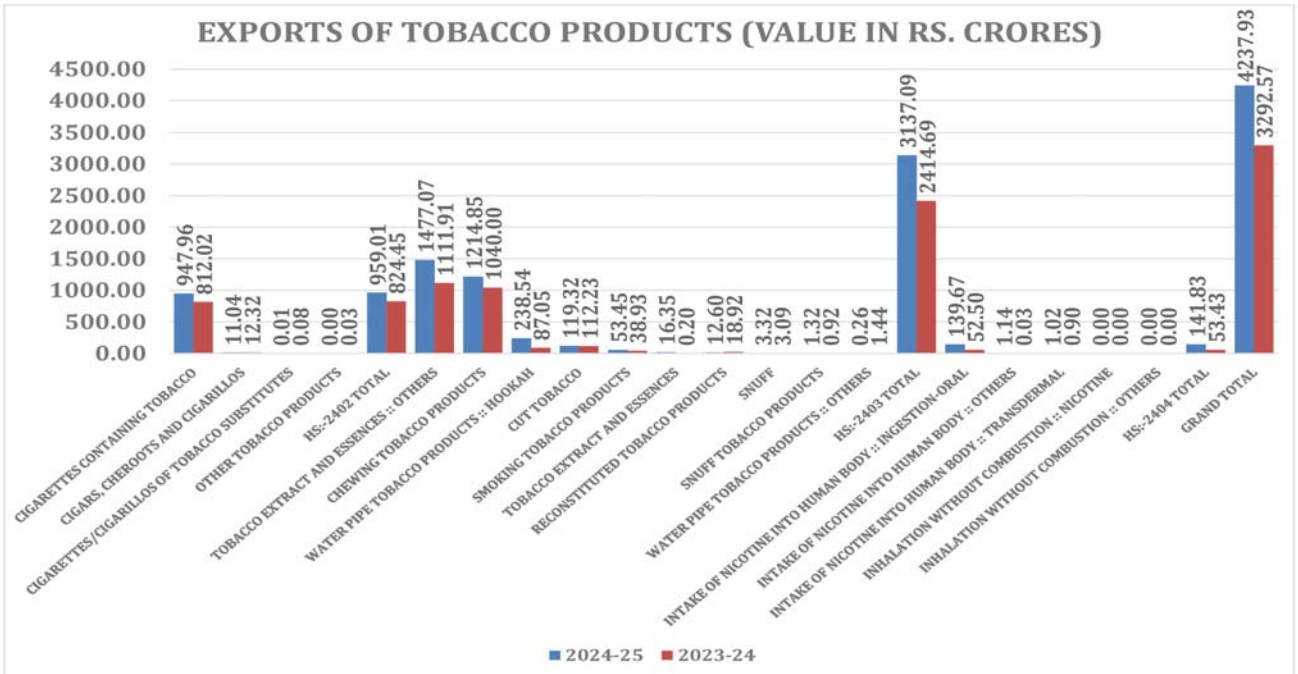
| Product Segment                              | 2024-25             |                |                |                | 2023-24             |                |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                                              | Quantity (M.Tonnes) | % Change Y-o-Y | Value (₹Crore) | % Change Y-o-Y | Quantity (M.Tonnes) | Value (₹Crore) |
| <b>2402:-</b>                                |                     |                |                |                |                     |                |
| CIGARETTES CONTAINING TOBACCO                | 7656.79             | -9.09          | 947.96         | 16.74          | 8422.83             | 812.02         |
| CIGARS, CHEROOTS AND CIGARILLOS              | 48.42               | 24.02          | 11.04          | -10.36         | 39.05               | 12.32          |
| CIGARETTES/CIGARILLOS OF TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES | 0.001               | -99.97         | 0.01           | -87.21         | 3.78                | 0.08           |
| OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS                       | 0.00                | -100.00        | 0.00           | -100.00        | 0.11                | 0.03           |
| <b>SUB TOTAL</b>                             | <b>7705.21</b>      | <b>-8.98</b>   | <b>959.01</b>  | <b>16.32</b>   | <b>8465.78</b>      | <b>824.45</b>  |
| <b>2403:-</b>                                |                     |                |                |                |                     |                |
| TOBACCO EXTRACT AND ESSENCES :: OTHERS       | 13524.90            | 39.52          | 1477.07        | 32.84          | 9693.83             | 1111.91        |
| CHEWING TOBACCO PRODUCTS                     | 12797.38            | 10.01          | 1214.85        | 16.81          | 11633.25            | 1040.00        |
| WATER PIPE TOBACCO PRODUCTS :: HOOKAH        | 2068.09             | 9.91           | 238.54         | 174.02         | 1881.60             | 87.05          |
| CUT TOBACCO                                  | 3834.36             | 2.97           | 119.32         | 6.31           | 3723.81             | 112.23         |
| SMOKING TOBACCO PRODUCTS                     | 358.50              | 55.65          | 53.45          | 37.32          | 230.32              | 38.93          |
| TOBACCO EXTRACT AND ESSENCES                 | 72.17               | 482.51         | 16.35          | 8119.19        | 12.39               | 0.20           |
| RECONSTITUTED TOBACCO PRODUCTS               | 544.52              | -50.73         | 12.60          | -33.41         | 1105.18             | 18.92          |
| SNUFF                                        | 90.41               | -10.09         | 3.32           | 7.47           | 100.55              | 3.09           |
| SNUFF TOBACCO PRODUCTS                       | 24.39               | 1.77           | 1.32           | 43.83          | 23.97               | 0.92           |
| WATER PIPE TOBACCO PRODUCTS :: OTHERS        | 52.85               | 6.27           | 0.26           | -81.76         | 49.73               | 1.44           |
| <b>SUB TOTAL</b>                             | <b>33367.57</b>     | <b>17.27</b>   | <b>3137.09</b> | <b>29.92</b>   | <b>28454.65</b>     | <b>2414.69</b> |

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

| Product Segment                                      | 2024-25             |                |                |                | 2023-24             |                |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                                                      | Quantity (M.Tonnes) | % Change Y-o-Y | Value (₹Crore) | % Change Y-o-Y | Quantity (M.Tonnes) | Value (₹Crore) |
| 2404:-                                               |                     |                |                |                |                     |                |
| INTAKE OF NICOTINE INTO HUMAN BODY :: INGESTION-ORAL | 327.92              | 192.94         | 139.67         | 166.06         | 111.94              | 52.50          |
| INTAKE OF NICOTINE INTO HUMAN BODY :: OTHERS         | 2.86                | -88.64         | 1.14           | 3226.16        | 25.18               | 0.03           |
| INTAKE OF NICOTINE INTO HUMAN BODY :: TRANSDERMAL    | 0.65                | -13.07         | 1.02           | 13.18          | 0.75                | 0.90           |
| INHALATION WITHOUT COMBUSTION :: NICOTINE            | 0.002               | -              | 0.001          | -              | 0.00                | 0.00           |
| INHALATION WITHOUT COMBUSTION :: OTHERS              | 0.00                | -100.00        | 0.00           | -100.00        | 0.01                | 0.00009        |
| SUB TOTAL                                            | 331.43              | 140.37         | 141.83         | 165.44         | 137.88              | 53.43          |
| GRAND TOTAL                                          | 41404.21            | 11.73          | 4237.93        | 28.71          | 37058.30            | 3292.57        |

Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

**HSCode-2404<sup>^</sup>** : PRODUCTS CONTAINING TOBACCO, RECONSTITUTED TOBACCO, NICOTINE, OR TOBACCO OR NICOTINE SUBSTITUTES, INTENDED FOR INHALATION WITHOUT COMBUSTION; OTHER NICOTINE CONTAINING PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR THE INTAKE OF NICOTINE INTO THE HUMAN BODY



2. EXPORT PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

2.1 Participation in Tobacco Trade Fairs and Exhibitions :

Tobacco Board is participating in exclusive international tobacco trade fairs/exhibitions for promoting the exports of Indian unmanufactured tobacco and tobacco products every year. During 2024-25, Tobacco Board had participated in three exclusive tobacco international exhibitions.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Event                 | Place & Period                                                                    | Stall Size       | Officers deputed                                                                      |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | Intertabac/<br>Intersupply 2024   | Dortmund, Germany<br>from 19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup><br>September, 2024 | 18m <sup>2</sup> | Dr. A. Sridhar Babu, I.A.S.<br>Executive Director<br><br>Sri. M. Sankara Rao, AS/SGO  |
| 2       | World Tobacco<br>Asia 2024        | Surabaya, Indonesia<br>from 09 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup><br>October, 2024 | 16m2             | Dr. A. Sridhar Babu, I.A.S.,<br>Executive Director<br><br>Sri. M. Sankara Rao, AS/SGO |
| 3       | World Tobacco<br>Middle East 2024 | Dubai, UAE<br>from 12 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup><br>November, 2024         | 20m <sup>2</sup> | Sri B.C. Srinivas, I.R.S.,<br>Director (Auctions)<br><br>Sri. M. Sankara Rao, AS/SGO  |

Glimpses of Tobacco Board's Stall at International tobacco trade fairs/exhibitions

## GLIMPSES OF TOBACCO BOARD'S STALL AT INTERNATIONAL TOBACCO TRADE FAIRS/EXHIBITIONS



### TOBACCO BOARD'S STALL AT INTERTABAC/INTERSUPPLY 2024



TOBACCO BOARD'S STALL AT WORLD TOBACCO ASIA 2024



## TOBACCO BOARD'S STALL AT WORLD TOBACCO MIDDLE EAST 2024

### 2.1 Visit of tobacco trade delegations :

During 2024-25, no trade delegations have been taken up by Tobacco Board.

### 2.2 Meeting with officials of NPPO, Russia:

The Embassy of India, Moscow, Russia has forwarded a letter No. FS-KS-3/698 dated 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 received from Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (FSVPS) of the Russian Federation informing about the ban on import of tobacco raw materials and tobacco

offals from M/s. ITC LIMITED-AGRI DIVISION ILTD from India to Russia since 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 due to the interception of quarantine object – Coffin fly (*Megaseliascalaris*).

In response to the invitation by The Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Government of India vide its letter No.18-19/ 2018-PP-II (part) (e-57730) dated 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, a 5-member official delegation from NPPO, Russia led by Ms. Natalya Solovyova, Head of the Department of Phytosanitary Surveillance for Export-Import Operations and International Cooperation of Rosselkhoznadzor; have visited Green leaf tobacco threshing plant in Karnataka, Unmanufactured tobacco warehouse in Andhra Pradesh and seaport in Tamil Nadu from **17/04/2024 to 21/04/2024**.

Rosselkhoznadzor, the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance, Vide news article dated 25/04/2024 titled “Rosselkhoznadzor lifts temporary restrictions on Indian supplier of tobacco raw materials” has informed that, based on the results of the inspection, analysis of information provided by the foreign party on measures taken to comply with phytosanitary requirements, as well as examination of samples selected during the inspection, Rosselkhoznadzor decided to resume importation of raw tobacco and tobacco waste into Russia from the Indian exporter ITC LIMITED AGRI BUSINESS DIVISION ILTD, GRAND TRUNK ROAD, POST BOX NO.317 GUNTUR - 522 004, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

### HINDI IMPLEMENTATION:

During the period under report every effort have been made to accelerate the implementation of the Official Language Act.

### MEASURES TAKEN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ACT:

- ❖ Letters received in Hindi were replied in Hindi.
- ❖ General orders were issued bilingually
- ❖ Correspondence with the offices situated in Region "A" was made in Hindi. Some of the letters were issued bilingual to offices located in Region's 'B' & 'C'.
- ❖ Administrative and other reports of the Board, which are to be placed before Parliament were prepared and submitted both in Hindi and English.
- ❖ The forms and applications of different sections of Board were printed in bilingual.
- ❖ Standard stationery is printed bilingually e.g., Envelops, File folders, Letter heads etc.
- ❖ All rubber stamps were made bilingual and all name plates were made trilingual/bilingual.
- ❖ Addresses on envelopes which were sent to the Ministry and other offices situated in Region 'A' were printed in Hindi and in Region 'C' were printed in bilingual.

### PROGRAMME OF HINDI TEACHING SCHEME:

Eligible employees of the Board were nominated to the On-line Classes / Correspondence courses of Hindi Teaching Scheme

### PROPOGATION OF HINDI SCHEME OF LEARN A WORD A DAY:

Every day a Hindi word with its English meaning is being displayed at presto sign board at the entrance of the office. Hindi quotations of Great men were displayed at some important eye-catching places.

### HINDI WEEK:

Hindi Week was celebrated from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 in the Tobacco Board. As a part of celebrations, Two Table Hindi workshops were conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 to improve the working efficiency of Hindi trained employees and Two competitions on Hindi Memory, Hindi Translation / Hindi Noting & Drafting were conducted during this Hindi Week

**HINDI PERIODICALS AND LIBRARY:**

One Hindi daily "Daily Hindi Milap" newspaper was made available in the Board at present along with some Hindi Periodicals. Some Hindi Books, Novels, Epics like Ramayana, Mahabharat etc., short story books, different dictionaries, Glossaries, etc., were also made available in the library.

**HINDI ON COMPUTERS:**

Hindi Software has been loaded in all computers and they are being used.

**WORKSHOP IN HINDI:**

Two Table Hindi Workshops (02 Days) were conducted during Hindi Week i.e., on 18<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2024 & 19<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2024. It is an innovative idea of the Hindi Department of the Tobacco Board, where in Hindi Staff goes to the employees table and clarify their doubts, so that the work in Hindi is implemented effectively.

Tobacco Board has achieved the targets fixed in implementing the Official Language Policy, during the year under report.

## FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

The Central Government has to provide funds to the Tobacco Board by way of grants or loans for utilization for the purposes of the Act as per section 16 of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975. However, the Tobacco Board did not draw any grant or loan against the budgeted expenditure and schemes from the Central Government since 1991-92. The internal resources generated by the Tobacco Board are sufficient to meet its expenditure for carrying out its activities as per the Act and for meeting the salaries, allowances and other remuneration of the officers and other employees of the Board.

### I) INTERNAL RESOURCES:

As per the provision under Section 14A of the Tobacco Board Act 1975, the Tobacco Board levies fees in the form of "Service charges" for the services rendered on its auction platforms @ 2% on the value of tobacco marketed. The service charges so levied are equally collected from the grower and buyer @ 1% each on the value of tobacco sold by the grower and purchased by the buyer. Further, as per regulation 13(2) of Tobacco Board (General) Regulations 1984 the Board collects "Authorization fee" from the buyers who participate in the auctions. Apart from the above, the Board collects registration fees from the growers, barn operators, nurserymen, dealers, exporters, packers, processors and manufacturers.

The Board levies contributions on the excess tobacco produced by the registered growers and the tobacco produced by the unregistered growers as fixed by the Government every year through gazette notification. During 2025 auctions in Karnataka and 2024 auctions in Andhra Pradesh, the Tobacco Board has levied only 1% normal service charges and has not levied any contributions for the sale of excess/un-authorized tobacco produced by registered/unregistered growers. The Government of India vide its gazettes dated 17th February, 2025 and 24th July, 2024 has permitted for sale of excess flue cured virginia tobacco crop at the auction platforms authorized by the Tobacco Board on the payment of normal service charges only.

### II) BUDGET ESTIMATES:

As per the provision under rule 21 of the Tobacco Board Rules 1976, the Board shall in each year, prepare Budget Estimates for the ensuing year and Revised Estimates for the current year and shall submit them for the sanction of Central Government on or before such dates as may be fixed by the Government.

The budgeted receipts i.e., internal resources of Board are service charges, buyer authorization fee, registration fee from traders & growers, interest on fixed deposits and misc. receipts of demurrage charges, interest on delayed payments etc.

The Budgeted expenditure incurs as capital expenditure for providing infrastructural facilities in the auction platforms and as revenue expenditure on establishment and administrative for conducting auctions and welfare schemes of Extension & Developmental schemes, Production schemes and Trading Wing schemes in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

Accordingly, the budget proposals for the year 2024-25 have been prepared and submitted to the Government for its approval. The Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates for Receipts of ₹9,200.00 lakh and ₹21,563.90 lakh and expenditure of ₹18,378.50 lakh and ₹17,592.00 lakh respectively.

An amount of ₹22,395.56.00 lakh has been realized as internal resources against the budget provision of ₹21,563.90 lakh and an amount of ₹11,630.19 lakh has been incurred as expenditure as against the budgeted outlay of ₹17,592.00 lakhs during the financial year 2024-25.

Statement showing the actual funds flow under Plan and Non-Plan since 2012-13 to 2024-25 is placed at **Page No.129**.

The financial statements of the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure account and Receipts & Payments Statement to the accounts of Tobacco Fund of the Tobacco Board for year 2024-25 which includes the earmarked fund accounts of Margin Money for Commercial Operations (Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing), Tobacco Board Employees General Provident Fund, Tobacco Board Employees Pension Fund, Tobacco Board Employees New Pension Scheme(Tier-I), Tobacco Board Growers Welfare Fund along with the Notes on accounts are incorporated in the Annual Report for the year 2024-25.

## Opinion of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the Accounts of The Tobacco Board, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Tobacco Board, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh (AP), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies under Section 19(2) of the Comptroller & Auditor General's (Duties, Powers & Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 read with Section 19 (2) of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975.

This Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards, disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transactions regarding compliance with the Law, Rules and Regulations (Propriety & Regularity) and efficiency cum performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through inspection reports / CAG's audit reports separately.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements of Tobacco Board, Guntur, AP read together with the accounting policies and Notes thereon and matters mentioned in the Separate Audit Report, which follows, give a true and fair view of the financial position of the autonomous body as at March 31, 2025, and (of) its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with format applicable to Tobacco Board, Guntur.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the CAG's auditing regulations / standards / manuals / guidelines / guidance-notes / orders / circulars etc. Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the autonomous body in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the financial statements

The Governing Body of Tobacco Board, Guntur, AP is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in India, and for internal control as management determines it necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion in accordance with CAG's auditing regulations /standards/ manuals/ guidelines/ guidance-notes/ orders/ circulars etc.

Place: Hyderabad

Date: 24 October, 2025

For and on the behalf of the  
Comptroller and Auditor General of India

Sd/- xx xx xx xx

(V.M.V. Nawal Kishore)

Principal Director of Commercial Audit Hyderabad

**SEPARATE AUDIT REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL  
OF INDIA ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TOBACCO BOARD, GUNTUR,  
ANDHRAPRADESH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**A. Balance Sheet - Nil**

**B. Profit & Less/Income and Expenditure Account**

**Comment A.1**

**Expenditure**

**Other Administrative Expenses (Schedule 21): ₹2,989.70 lakh**

The above head is understated by ₹419.51 lakh being the demand raised by Gram Panchayata authorities towards property tax payable for the period from 1993-94 to 2024-25, in respect of three Auction Platforms located in the State of Karnataka. In this regard, the Chief Officer of the H.D. Kote Gram Panchayat has clarified that the Tobacco Board is not exempted from payment of property tax. Hence, a provision for ₹419.51 lakh should have been made in the accounts. This has also resulted in overstatement of Surplus (Excess of Income over Expenditure) and understatement of 'Outstanding Liabilities' by ₹419.51 lakh each.

*Further, despite a similar audit comment in the Separate Audit Report for the year 2023-24, the Board has not taken corrective action by creating necessary provision.*

**C. Receipts and Payments Account - Nil**

**D. Accounting Policies - Nil**

**E. General - Nil**

**F. Management Letter**

Deficiencies which have not been included in this Separate Audit Report have been brought to notice of the Management through a Management Letter issued separately for remedial/corrective action.

**G. Assessment of Internal Controls**

**(i) Adequacy of Internal Control System:**

The Internal Control mechanism was found to be deficient in view of the following:

- a. The Board incurred an expenditure of ₹101.55 lakh on purchase of computer systems which includes CCTV Camera worth ₹74.67 lakh for its auction platform, which was capitalized and disclosed under Fixed Assets in the Annual Accounts for the year 2024-25. However, audit scrutiny revealed that the said assets were not recorded in the Board's Fixed Asset Register (FAR). Instead, a separate register was being maintained for the purpose. The non-inclusion of high-value assets in the main FAR is a deviation from standard accounting practices and impairs the completeness and reliability of asset management records. This also increases the risk of misstatement or misappropriation of assets. The Board may ensure that all capital assets are duly recorded in the central FAR as per prescribed accounting norms.

**(ii) Adequacy of Internal Audit System:**

There is no separate sanctioned strength for Internal Audit Wing in Tobacco Board. However, the Board has constituted the Internal Audit Wing with office staff headed by the Assistant Manager (Accounts). The Board has 33 offices (26 Auction Platforms located in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, 5 Regional Offices at Ongole-I, Ongole-2, Rajahmundry, Mysuru and Periyapatna, one Directorate Office at Bengaluru and the Head Office at Guntur). Internal Audit was conducted for all the Auction Platforms and Regional Offices for the year 2024-25. Thus, the existing Internal Audit System of the Tobacco Board is adequate considering the size and nature of business of the Board.

**(iii) System of Physical verification of fixed assets:**

Physical verification of assets was not carried out during the year.

**(iv) System of Physical verification of inventory:**

Tobacco Board does not have any inventory except stationery and consumables items which were treated as inventory. The Board valued the closing stock of stationery on cost basis at the end of each balance sheet date. As such, the system of physical verification of inventory of the Board is reasonable.

**(v) Regularity in payment of statutory dues:**

Regularity in payment of statutory dues is not timely in view of Comment-A above.

Sd/- xx xx xx xx

(V. M. V. Nawal Kishore)

Principal Director of Commercial Audit

## TOBACCO BOARD

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE &amp; INDUSTRY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, GUNTUR

## TOBACCO FUND ACCOUNT - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/03/2025

(₹ In Lakh)

| Particulars                                                            | Sche-<br>dule | Current<br>Year            | Previous<br>Year |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>CORPUS / CAPITAL FUND AND LIABILITIES</b>                           |               |                            |                  |
| 1. Corpus/Capital Fund                                                 | 1             | 89509.65                   | 78472.80         |
| 2. Reserves and Surplus                                                | 2             | 0.00                       | 0.00             |
| 3. Earmarked/Endowment Funds:                                          | 3             | 0.00                       | 0.00             |
| a) Margin money for Comm. Operations<br>(Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing) |               | 3427.59                    | 3190.87          |
| b) Tobacco Board Employees General Provident Fund                      |               | 729.30                     | 1045.53          |
| c) Tobacco Board Employees Pension Fund                                |               | 6947.21                    | 8495.35          |
| d) Tobacco Board Employees New Pension Scheme                          |               | 25.29                      | 23.57            |
| e) Tobacco Growers Welfare Fund Scheme                                 |               | 7475.52                    | 6993.92          |
| 4. Secured Loans and Borrowings                                        | 4             | 0.00                       | 0.00             |
| 5. Unsecured Loans and Borrowings                                      | 5             | 0.00                       | 0.00             |
| 6. Deferred Credit Liabilities                                         | 6             | 0.00                       | 0.00             |
| 7. Current Liabilities and Provisions                                  | 7             | 15403.88                   | 11962.44         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                           |               | <b>123518.44</b>           | <b>110184.49</b> |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                          |               |                            |                  |
| 1. Fixed Assets                                                        | 8             | 11807.05                   | 11617.97         |
| 2. Investments from Earmarked/Endowment Funds                          | 9             | 0.00                       | 0.00             |
| a) Margin money for Comm. Operations<br>(Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing) |               | 3427.59                    | 3190.87          |
| b) Tobacco Board Employees General Provident Fund                      |               | 729.30                     | 1045.53          |
| c) Tobacco Board Employees Pension Fund                                |               | 6947.21                    | 8495.35          |
| d) Tobacco Board Employees New Pension Scheme                          |               | 25.29                      | 23.57            |
| e) Tobacco Growers Welfare Fund Scheme                                 |               | 7475.52                    | 6993.92          |
| 3. Investments: Others                                                 | 10            | 0.00                       | 0.00             |
| 4. Current Assets, Loans and Advances etc.                             | 11            | 93106.48                   | 78817.27         |
| 5. Miscellaneous Expenditure                                           |               | 0.00                       | 0.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                           |               | <b>123518.44</b>           | <b>110184.49</b> |
| <b>Significant Accounting Policies</b>                                 | <b>24</b>     | <b>Placed at Schedules</b> |                  |
| <b>Contingent Liabilities and Notes on Accounts</b>                    | <b>25</b>     | <b>Placed at Schedules</b> |                  |

Sd/- xx xx xx  
(D.VENUGOPAL)  
SECRETARY I/C

Sd/- xx xx xx  
(VISHWASREE B.)  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TOBACCO BOARD,  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,  
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TOBACCO FUND ACCOUNT - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2025  
(₹ In Lakh)

| Particulars |                                                                                        | Sche-<br>dule | Current<br>Year     | Previous<br>Year |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1.          | INCOME                                                                                 |               |                     |                  |
|             | I. Income from Sales/Services                                                          | 12            | 16558.19            | 12866.73         |
|             | II. Grants/Subsidies                                                                   | 13            | 0.00                | 0.00             |
|             | III. Fees/Subscriptions                                                                | 14            | 380.43              | 519.04           |
|             | IV. Income from Investments (From earmarked/<br>endowment funds transeferred to Funds) | 15            | 20.17               | 20.82            |
|             | V. Income from Royalty and Publications                                                | 16            | 37.33               | 4.13             |
|             | VI. Interest earned                                                                    | 17            | 5796.24             | 4494.32          |
|             | VII. Other Income                                                                      | 18            | 581.40              | 455.99           |
|             | VIII. Increase/(Decrease) in stock of<br>Finished Goods and Works in Progress          | 19            | 0.00                | 0.00             |
|             | Total                                                                                  |               | 23373.76            | 18361.03         |
| 2.          | EXPENDITURE                                                                            |               |                     |                  |
|             | I. Establishment Expenses                                                              | 20            | 8770.63             | 6850.08          |
|             | II. Other Administrative Expenses                                                      | 21            | 2989.70             | 2544.62          |
|             | III. Expenditure on Grants, Subsidies                                                  | 22            | 0.00                | 0.00             |
|             | IV. Interest                                                                           | 23            | 0.00                | 0.00             |
|             | V. Depreciation (Net Total at the year end -<br>Corresponding to Schedule 8)           | 8             | 576.57              | 512.09           |
|             | Total                                                                                  |               | 12336.90            | 9906.79          |
| 3.          | Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure (1-2)                                  |               | 11036.86            | 8454.24          |
|             | Transfer of Special Reserve (Specify each)                                             |               | 0.00                | 0.00             |
|             | Transfer of General Reserve                                                            |               | 0.00                | 0.00             |
|             | Previous Years payments                                                                |               | 0.00                | 0.00             |
| 4.          | Balance being surplus/deficit carried to<br>Corpus/Capital Fund                        |               | 11036.86            | 8454.24          |
| 5.          | SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES                                                        | 24            | Placed at schedules |                  |
| 6.          | CONTINGENT LIBAILITIES AND NOTES ON ACCOUNTS                                           | 25            | Placed at schedules |                  |

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(VISHWASREE B.)  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**FUND BALANCES OF EARMARKED FUNDS (BALANCESHEET)**

**1) Margin Money for Commercial Operations (Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing) account**

(₹ in Lakh)

| S. No.   | Particulars                                                         | Current Year   | Previous Year  |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>Opening Balance</b>                                              | <b>3190.87</b> | <b>2986.92</b> |
| <b>B</b> | <b>Additions to the Fund account:</b>                               |                |                |
|          | a) Income from investments<br>(Interest on Fixed Deposits & SB a/c) | 236.72         | 203.95         |
|          | b) Grants received                                                  | 0.00           | 0.00           |
|          | c) Other Receipts                                                   | 0.00           | 0.00           |
|          | <b>Less:</b>                                                        |                |                |
|          | a) Withdrawals                                                      | 0.00           | 0.00           |
|          | b) Other payments                                                   | 0.00           | 0.00           |
|          | <b>Total Receipts (A+B)</b>                                         | <b>3427.59</b> | <b>3190.87</b> |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Utilisation / Expenditure towards objective of Fund</b>          |                |                |
|          | a) Capital Expenditure                                              | 0.00           | 0.00           |
|          | b) Revenue Expenditure                                              | 0.00           | 0.00           |
|          | <b>Total Payments (C)</b>                                           | <b>0.00</b>    | <b>0.00</b>    |
|          | <b>Net Balance at the year end (A+B-C)</b>                          | <b>3427.59</b> | <b>3190.87</b> |

**2) Tobacco Board Employees General Provident Fund Account**

(₹ in Lakh)

| S. No.   | Particulars                                                         | Current Year   | Previous Year  |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>Opening Balance</b>                                              | <b>1045.53</b> | <b>1206.38</b> |
| <b>B</b> | <b>Additions to the Fund account:</b>                               |                |                |
|          | a) Income from investments<br>(Interest on Fixed Deposits & SB a/c) | 58.94          | 65.22          |
|          | b) Subscriptions                                                    | 235.41         | 311.41         |
|          | c) Recovery of GPF advance                                          | 0.30           | 0.20           |
|          | <b>Less:</b>                                                        |                |                |
|          | a) Withdrawals                                                      | -610.87        | -537.17        |
|          | b) Advances paid                                                    | 0.00           | -0.50          |
|          | <b>Total (A+B)</b>                                                  | <b>729.30</b>  | <b>1045.53</b> |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Utilisation / Expenditure towards objective of Fund</b>          |                |                |
|          | a) Capital Expenditure                                              | 0.00           | 0.00           |
|          | b) Revenue Expenditure                                              | 0.00           | 0.00           |
|          | <b>Total (C)</b>                                                    | <b>0.00</b>    | <b>0.00</b>    |
|          | <b>Net Balance at the year end (A+B-C)</b>                          | <b>729.30</b>  | <b>1045.53</b> |

3) Tobacco Board Employees Pension Fund Account

(₹ in Lakh)

| S. No. | Particulars                                                           | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| A      | Opening Balance                                                       | 8495.35      | 10469.91      |
| B      | Additions to the Fund account:                                        |              |               |
|        | a) Income from investments<br>(Interest on Deposit with LIC & SB a/c) | 465.57       | 700.76        |
|        | b) Pension Fund Contributions                                         | 2599.20      | 1040.00       |
|        | Less:                                                                 |              |               |
|        | a) Pension Annuities purchased by LIC of India                        | -4612.91     | -3715.32      |
|        | b) Other payments                                                     | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|        | Total (A+B)                                                           | 6947.21      | 8495.35       |
| C      | Utilisation/Expenditure towards objective of Fund                     |              |               |
|        | i) Capital Expenditure                                                | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|        | ii) Revenue Expenditure                                               | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|        | Total (C)                                                             | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|        | Net Balance at the year end (A+B-C)                                   | 6947.21      | 8495.35       |

4) Tobacco Board Employees New Pension Scheme Account

(₹ in Lakh)

| S. No. | Particulars                                                             | Current Year | Previous Year |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| A      | Opening Balance                                                         | 23.57        | 21.96         |
| B.     | Additions to the Fund account:                                          |              |               |
|        | a) Income from investments<br>(Interest on Fixed Deposits & SB a/c)     | 1.72         | 1.61          |
|        | b) Pension Fund Contributions                                           | 265.86       | 244.56        |
|        | Less:                                                                   |              |               |
|        | a) Pension Contribution remitted NSDL<br>Mumbai (Pension contributions) | -265.86      | -244.56       |
|        | b) Other payments (Bank Charges)                                        | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|        | Total (A+B)                                                             | 25.29        | 23.57         |
| C      | Utilisation/Expenditure towards objective of Fund                       |              |               |
|        | i) Capital Expenditure                                                  | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|        | ii) Revenue Expenditure                                                 | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|        | Total (C)                                                               | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|        | Net Balance at the year end (A+B-C)                                     | 25.29        | 23.57         |

5) Tobacco Growers Welfare Fund Scheme account:

(₹ in Lakh)

| S. No. | Particulars                                                      | Current Year   |           | Total   | Previous Year  |           | Total   |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|---------|----------------|-----------|---------|
|        |                                                                  | Andhra Pradesh | Karnataka |         | Andhra Pradesh | Karnataka |         |
| A      | Opening Balance                                                  | 4444.74        | 2549.19   | 6993.92 | 4143.32        | 2488.69   | 6632.01 |
| B      | Additions to the Fund account:                                   |                |           |         |                |           |         |
|        | a) Income from investments (Interest on Fixed Deposits & SB a/c) | 317.23         | 154.71    | 471.94  | 292.78         | 144.21    | 436.99  |
|        | b) Growers Contribution                                          | 22.17          | 14.10     | 36.27   | 24.19          | 14.76     | 38.95   |
|        | c) Tobacco Board's Contribution                                  | 47.08          | 25.06     | 72.14   | 40.00          | 29.52     | 69.52   |
|        | d) Renewal of Membership Fee                                     | 172.26         | 194.98    | 367.24  | 170.23         | 198.28    | 368.51  |
|        | e) Growers Share of Sweepings                                    | 53.36          | 9.15      | 62.51   | 0.00           | 5.89      | 5.89    |
|        | f) Penalties                                                     | 0.12           | 0.12      | 0.24    | 0.23           | 0.00      | 0.23    |
|        | g) Interest on Loans                                             | 0.00           | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00           | 0.00      | 0.00    |
|        | h) Misc. Receipts                                                | 0.80           | 1.58      | 2.37    | 0.04           | 1.77      | 1.81    |
|        | i) Grower Contribution (Break in registration)                   | 3.71           | 11.88     | 15.59   | 6.74           | 5.17      | 11.91   |
|        | Less:                                                            |                |           |         |                |           |         |
|        | a) Death Relief to the Growers                                   | -231.70        | -315.00   | -546.70 | -232.80        | -339.10   | -571.90 |
|        | b) Other payments                                                | 0.00           | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00           | 0.00      | 0.00    |
|        | Total (A+B)                                                      | 4829.76        | 2645.76   | 7475.52 | 4444.74        | 2549.19   | 6993.92 |
| C      | Utilisation/Expenditure towards objective of Fund                |                |           |         |                |           |         |
|        | i) Capital Expenditure                                           | 0.00           | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00           | 0.00      | 0.00    |
|        | ii) Revenue Expenditure                                          | 0.00           | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00           | 0.00      | 0.00    |
|        | Total (C)                                                        | 0.00           | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00           | 0.00      | 0.00    |
|        | Net Balance at the yearend (A+B-C)                               | 4829.76        | 2645.76   | 7475.52 | 4444.74        | 2549.19   | 6993.92 |

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(M.RATNA BAYAMMA)  
MANAGER (F&A) I/c

| RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31 <sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2025 |              |               |                                          |              |               | (₹ in Lakh) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Receipts                                                                     | Current Year | Previous Year | Payments                                 | Current Year | Previous Year |             |
| <b>I. Opening Balances:</b>                                                  |              |               | <b>I. Establishment Expenses</b>         |              |               |             |
| <b>A) Bank Balances</b>                                                      |              |               | 1. Salaries & Wages                      | 4478.91      | 4348.80       |             |
| 1.Current Accounts                                                           | 5746.94      | 6341.85       | 2. Allowances & Bonus                    | 39.32        | 33.09         |             |
| 2. Deposit Accounts                                                          | 68854.75     | 61467.13      | 3. Contribution to Provident Fund        | 0.00         | 0.00          |             |
| 3. Savings Accounts                                                          | 0.00         | 0.00          | 4. Contribution to Pension Fund          | 2351.00      | 1040.00       |             |
| <b>B) Earmarked/Endowment Funds</b>                                          |              |               | 5. Contribution to Pension Fund (NPS)    | 157.92       | 146.75        |             |
| <b>1. Current Accounts:</b>                                                  |              |               | 6. Staff Welfare Expenses                | 0.00         | 0.00          |             |
| i) Margin Money for Comm. Operations                                         |              |               | 7. Retirement & Terminal Benefits        | 1309.69      | 864.93        |             |
| (Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing)                                               |              |               | 8.Others:                                |              |               |             |
| 2. Deposit Accounts                                                          | 0.10         | 0.10          | a) Leave Salary & Pension Contribution   | 5.50         | 3.87          |             |
| 3. Savings Accounts                                                          | 0.00         | 0.00          | b) Medical Claims (Officers & Staff)     | 54.63        | 32.51         |             |
| i) Tobacco Board Employees                                                   |              |               | c) LTC Claims                            | 2.89         | 5.45          |             |
| General Provident Fund                                                       | 1.29         | 5.57          | d) Uniform to Staff                      | 0.24         | 1.55          |             |
| ii) Tobacco Board Employees                                                  |              |               | <b>II. Other Administrative Expenses</b> |              |               |             |
| Pension Fund                                                                 | 5.38         | 5.20          | 1. O.T. A. to Staff                      | 0.00         | 0.00          |             |
| iii) Tobacco Board Employees                                                 |              |               | 2. T.A. to Officers & Staff              | 168.27       | 149.43        |             |
| New Pension Scheme                                                           | 0.37         | 0.27          | 3. T.A. to Board Members                 | 5.11         | 3.35          |             |
| iv) Tobacco Growers Welfare                                                  |              |               | 4. Maint of Admn Buildings/ Qtrtrs/APFs  | 83.41        | 31.95         |             |
| Fund Scheme                                                                  | 305.40       | 138.13        | 5. Rent of Buildings                     | 88.40        | 82.28         |             |
| <b>II. Grants Received</b>                                                   | <b>0.00</b>  | <b>0.00</b>   | 6. Printing&Stationery                   |              |               |             |
| <b>III. Investments and Deposits made</b>                                    |              |               | (Inc. Computer stationery)               | 79.19        | 78.64         |             |
| a) Earmarked/Endow.Funds:(FDRs)                                              |              |               | 7. Electricity Charges                   | 129.85       | 128.86        |             |
| i) Margin Money for Comm. Operations                                         |              |               | 8. Postage & Telephone Charges           | 81.06        | 44.67         |             |

**TOBACCO BOARD, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, GUNTUR**  
**TOBACCO FUND ACCOUNT - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

| RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31 <sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2025 |  |              |               |                                         |              | (₹ in Lakh)   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Receipts                                                                     |  | Current Year | Previous Year | Payments                                | Current Year | Previous Year |
| (Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing)                                               |  |              | 2848.51       | 9. Expenditure on Meetings              | 17.02        | 10.33         |
| ii) Tobacco Board Employees General Provident Fund                           |  | 1009.18      | 1527.82       | 10. Miscellaneous Expenditure           | 111.51       | 104.26        |
| iii) Tobacco Board Employees Pension Fund                                    |  | 8489.97      | 10464.71      | 11. Entertainment Charges               | 10.31        | 10.29         |
| iv) Tobacco Board Employees New Pension Scheme                               |  | 23.13        | 21.62         | 12. Subscription to Journals            | 5.30         | 5.54          |
| v) Tobacco Growers Welfare Fund Scheme                                       |  | 5947.19      | 6185.25       | 13. Repairs to Furniture & other assets | 30.69        | 23.18         |
| b) Own Funds                                                                 |  | 0.00         | 0.00          | 14. Conveyance Charges                  | 3.89         | 4.98          |
| IV. Income on Investments                                                    |  |              |               | 15. Workshops & Seminars                | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| a) Earmarked/Endowment Funds                                                 |  |              |               | 16. Rates & Taxes                       | 38.33        | 25.45         |
| i) Margin Money for Comm. Operations                                         |  |              |               | 17. Bank charges                        | 0.15         | 0.13          |
| (Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing)                                               |  | 314.88       | 142.67        | 18. Legal charges                       | 1.16         | 5.20          |
| ii) Tobacco Board Employees General Provident Fund                           |  | 299.20       | 399.69        | 19. Hiring of Vehicles                  | 145.99       | 115.37        |
| iii) Tobacco Board Employees Pension Fund                                    |  | 3459.74      | 1740.76       | 20. Maintenance of Vehicles             | 23.04        | 34.33         |
| iv) Tobacco Board Employees New Pension Scheme                               |  | 267.57       | 246.17        | 21. Insurance                           | 35.84        | 12.42         |
| v) Tobacco Growers Welfare Fund Scheme                                       |  | 1414.14      | 2042.19       | 22. Audit Fee                           | 5.50         | 10.66         |
| b) Own Funds                                                                 |  | 0.00         | 0.00          | 23. Interest Contribution to GPF        | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|                                                                              |  |              |               | 24. Membership with other organisations | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|                                                                              |  |              |               | 25. Loan Recovery Expenditure           | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|                                                                              |  |              |               | 26. Library Books                       | 0.09         | 0.04          |
|                                                                              |  |              |               | 27. Maintenance of Computers            | 28.61        | 23.85         |
|                                                                              |  |              |               | 28. Service charges for weighing scales |              |               |
|                                                                              |  |              |               | 29. Mutta labour charges                | 20.48        | 23.25         |
|                                                                              |  |              |               |                                         | 699.99       | 590.08        |

| RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31 <sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2025 |              |               |                                           |              |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Receipts                                                                     | Current Year | Previous Year | Payments                                  | Current Year | Previous Year |
|                                                                              |              |               |                                           |              | (₹ in Lakh)   |
| c) Rents                                                                     |              |               | 30. Construction of temporary structures  | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| a) Rents on Premises lease                                                   | 18.96        | 20.34         | 31. Human Resource Development            | 3.65         | 8.74          |
| V. Interest Received                                                         |              |               | 32. Implementation of e-auction system    | 624.96       | 528.54        |
| 1.On Bank Deposits                                                           | 4887.23      | 3672.64       | 33. Automation of Office(MIS) online      | 0.00         | 2.97          |
| 2.Loans & Advances (Officials)                                               | 0.41         | 0.26          | 34. Swachh Bharat Expenditure             | 13.61        | 4.02          |
| VI. Other Income                                                             |              |               | 35. Written Of Losses                     | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| 1. Growers Registration Fee                                                  | 301.82       | 442.27        | 34. Regulation & Developof FCV tobacco    | 5.04         | 3.06          |
| (Area, Bam Operator & Nurseyymen)                                            |              |               | 35. Scientific,Tech & Economic            |              |               |
| 2. Exporters Registration Fee                                                | 14.26        | 18.29         | Research                                  | 27.53        | 20.02         |
| 3. Products Registration Fee                                                 | 33.96        | 34.18         | 36. Imp. &Maint. of MKTG facilities       | 0.10         | 0.20          |
| 4. Dealers Registration Fee                                                  | 9.53         | 9.50          | 37. Financial Relief to growers           |              |               |
| 5. Packers Registration Fee                                                  | 0.53         | 0.54          | (Crop/Barn damages)                       | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| 6. Processors Registration Fee                                               | 2.51         | 0.85          | 38. Farmers Study Tours: Abroad           | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| 7. Commercial Graders Regn. Fee                                              | 0.54         | 0.34          | 39. Market Survey                         | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| 8. Manufacturers Registration Fee                                            | 8.28         | 5.88          | <b>Export Promotion:</b>                  |              |               |
| 9. Sale of Priced Publications                                               |              |               | 40.Trade Delegation: Abroad)              | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| (TGPBS)                                                                      | 37.33        | 4.13          | 41. Fairs & Exhibitions(Abroad)           | 37.92        | 21.27         |
| 10. Misc. Income                                                             | 579.82       | 455.89        | Others                                    | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| 11. Service charges on FCV tobacco                                           | 16485.35     | 12987.11      | 42. Publicity & Propaganda                | 3.74         | 5.11          |
| 12. Contribution @ 4% from                                                   |              |               | 43. Farm Mechanization                    | 35.67        | 10.20         |
| regd. Growers                                                                | 0.00         | 0.00          | 44. Improving Yield & Quality of FCV Tob. | 127.33       | 121.40        |
| 13. Contribution @ 9% from                                                   |              |               | 45. Improving of Curing Practices         | 100.68       | 104.99        |
| Regd. & Unregd. Growers                                                      | 0.00         | 0.00          | 46. Elimination of NTRMs & Product        |              |               |

| RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31 <sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2025 |              |               |                                                                     |              | (₹ in Lakh)   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Receipts                                                                     | Current Year | Previous Year | Payments                                                            | Current Year | Previous Year |
| 14. Contribution @ Rs.2/- per Kg. from Regd. &Unregd. Growers                | 0.00         | 0.00          | Integrity                                                           | 33.38        | 40.05         |
| 15. Contribution @ Rs.1/- per Kg. from Regd. &Unregd. Growers                | 0.00         | 0.00          | 47. PHPM Measures - Bulking sheds/ Model Storage facilities         | 20.54        | 5.12          |
| 16. Buyers Authorisation Fee                                                 | 8.60         | 7.42          | 48. Other Extension Programmes                                      | 15.55        | 19.44         |
| 17. Loans & Advances to staff                                                | 4.85         | 5.49          | 49. On-farm Tests & Experimental Trials                             | 5.16         | 4.60          |
| 18. Loans & Advances to Cultivators                                          | 0.00         | 0.00          | 50. Model Project Area                                              | 10.95        | 10.60         |
| VII. Amount Borrowed                                                         | 0.00         | 0.00          | 51. Tobacco Growers Welfare Fund (Board's Share)                    | 72.09        | 69.52         |
| VIII. Any Other Receipts                                                     | 0.00         | 0.00          | 52. Commercial Tax Penalties & Interest                             | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| 1. Other Liabilities                                                         | 4384.06      | 2021.23       | 53. Service Tax Penalties & Interest                                | 0.02         | 10.13         |
| 2. Deposits with ACTO & Others                                               | 4.00         | 138.98        | III. Payments Made against Funds for various Projects               | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|                                                                              |              |               | III. Expenditure on Grants and Subsidies                            | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|                                                                              |              |               | IV. Investments and Deposits made                                   |              |               |
|                                                                              |              |               | i) Earmarked/Endowment Funds:                                       |              |               |
|                                                                              |              |               | a) Fixed Deposits                                                   |              |               |
|                                                                              |              |               | i) Margin Money for Comm. Operations (Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing) | 3305.95      | 2991.18       |
|                                                                              |              |               | ii) Tobacco Board Employees General Provident Fund                  | 684.75       | 1394.12       |
|                                                                              |              |               | iii) Tobacco Board Employees Pension Fund                           | 6941.38      | 8489.97       |

| RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31 <sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2025 |              |               |                                                                       |              | (₹ in Lakh)   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Receipts                                                                     | Current Year | Previous Year | Payments                                                              | Current Year | Previous Year |
|                                                                              |              |               | iv) Tobacco Board Employees New Pension Scheme                        | 24.74        | 23.13         |
|                                                                              |              |               | v) Tobacco Growers Welfare Fund Scheme                                | 6770.58      | 7059.76       |
|                                                                              |              |               | b) Other Payments                                                     |              |               |
|                                                                              |              |               | i) Margin Money for Comm. Operations (Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing)   | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|                                                                              |              |               | ii) Tobacco Board Employees General Provident Fund                    | 610.87       | 537.67        |
|                                                                              |              |               | iii) Tobacco Board Employees Pension Fund                             | 5007.88      | 3715.32       |
|                                                                              |              |               | iv) Tobacco Board Employees New Pension Scheme                        | 265.86       | 244.56        |
|                                                                              |              |               | v) Tobacco Growers Welfare Fund Scheme                                | 606.10       | 1000.40       |
|                                                                              |              |               | ii) Own Funds                                                         | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|                                                                              |              |               | <b>V. Expenditure on Fixed Assets &amp; Capital Works in Progress</b> |              |               |
|                                                                              |              |               | 1. Purchase of Fixed Assets                                           | 161.54       | 50.58         |
|                                                                              |              |               | 2. Advances to:                                                       |              |               |
|                                                                              |              |               | a) CPWD                                                               | 172.08       | 1428.89       |
|                                                                              |              |               | b) RITES                                                              | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|                                                                              |              |               | 3. Expdr. On Capital Works in Progress                                | 0.00         | 0.00          |
|                                                                              |              |               | <b>VI. Refund of Surplus money/Loans</b>                              | <b>0.00</b>  | <b>0.00</b>   |
|                                                                              |              |               | <b>VII. Finance Charges (Interest)</b>                                | <b>0.00</b>  | <b>0.00</b>   |



| RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR ENDED 31 <sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2025 |                  |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                            | (₹ in Lakh)                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Receipts                                                                     | Current Year     | Previous Year    | Payments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Current Year                                                                                               | Previous Year                                                                                             |
|                                                                              |                  |                  | <b>VIII. Other Payments:</b><br>1) Loans and Advances to Staff<br>2) Loans & Advances to Cultivators<br>3) Other Liabilities<br>4) Deposits with ACTO & Others                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 0.17<br>0.00<br>1541.35<br>86.32                                                                           | 25.00<br>0.00<br>2540.11<br>0.00                                                                          |
|                                                                              |                  |                  | <b>IX. Closing Balances</b><br>A) Bank Balances<br>1. Current Accounts<br>2. Deposit Accounts<br>3. Savings Accounts<br>B) Earmarked/Endowment Funds:<br>1. Current Accounts:<br>i) Margin Money for Comm. Operations<br>(Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing)<br>2. Deposit Accounts<br>3. Savings Accounts<br>i) Tobacco Board Employees<br>General Provident Fund<br>ii) Tobacco Board Employees<br>Pension Fund<br>iii) Tobacco Board Employees<br>New Pension Scheme<br>iv) Tobacco Growers Welfare<br>Fund Scheme | 9037.13<br>79033.95<br>0.00<br><br><br><br><br><br>0.21<br>0.00<br><br><br>14.06<br>5.84<br>0.48<br>290.06 | 5749.52<br>68854.75<br>0.00<br><br><br><br><br><br>0.10<br>0.00<br><br><br>1.29<br>5.38<br>0.37<br>305.40 |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                 | <b>125912.47</b> | <b>113402.97</b> | <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>125912.47</b>                                                                                           | <b>113402.97</b>                                                                                          |

Sd/- xx xx xx  
(D.VENUGOPAL)  
SECRETARY I/C

Sd/- xx xx xx  
(VISHWASREE B.)  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1) Margin Money for Commercial Operations (Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing) account

(₹ in Lakh)

| S. No.   | Particulars                                                      | Current Year   | Previous Year  |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>Opening Balance</b>                                           |                |                |
| a)       | Cash at Bank (Current account) (SBI Guntur)                      | 0.10           | 0.10           |
| b)       | Investments (Fixed Deposits)                                     | 2991.18        | 2848.51        |
| <b>B</b> | <b>Receipts:</b>                                                 |                |                |
| a)       | Income from investments<br>(Interest on Fixed Deposits & SB a/c) | 314.88         | 142.67         |
| b)       | Grants received                                                  | 0.00           | 0.00           |
| c)       | Other Receipts                                                   | 0.00           | 0.00           |
|          | <b>Total Receipts (A+B)</b>                                      | <b>3306.16</b> | <b>2991.28</b> |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Payments of Fund</b>                                          |                |                |
| a)       | Capital Expenditure                                              | 0.00           | 0.00           |
| b)       | Revenue Expenditure                                              | 0.00           | 0.00           |
| <b>D</b> | <b>Closing Balance</b>                                           |                |                |
| a)       | Investments (Fixed Deposits)                                     | 3305.95        | 2991.18        |
| b)       | Cash at Bank (Current account) (SBI Guntur)                      | 0.21           | 0.10           |
|          | <b>Total Payments (C+D)</b>                                      | <b>3306.16</b> | <b>2991.28</b> |

2) Tobacco Board Employees General Provident Fund Account

(₹ in Lakh)

| S. No.   | Particulars                                                      | Current Year   | Previous Year  |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>Opening Balance</b>                                           |                |                |
| a)       | Cash at Bank (Savings account) (SBI Guntur)                      | 1.29           | 5.57           |
| b)       | Investments (Fixed Deposits)                                     | 1009.18        | 1527.82        |
| <b>B</b> | <b>Receipts:</b>                                                 |                |                |
| a)       | Income from investments<br>(Interest on Fixed Deposits & SB a/c) | 63.50          | 88.09          |
| b)       | Subscriptions                                                    | 235.41         | 311.41         |
| c)       | Recovery of GPF advance                                          | 0.30           | 0.20           |
|          | <b>Total Receipts (A+B)</b>                                      | <b>1309.68</b> | <b>1933.08</b> |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Payments</b>                                                  |                |                |
| a)       | Withdrawals                                                      | 610.87         | 537.17         |
| b)       | Advances Paid                                                    | 0.00           | 0.50           |
| <b>D</b> | <b>Closing Balance</b>                                           |                |                |
| a)       | Investments (Fixed Deposits)                                     | 684.75         | 1394.12        |
| b)       | Cash at Bank (Savings account) (SBI Guntur)                      | 14.06          | 1.29           |
|          | <b>Total Payments (C+D)</b>                                      | <b>1309.68</b> | <b>1933.08</b> |

**3) Tobacco Board Employees Pension Fund Account**

(₹ in Lakh)

| S. No.   | Particulars                                                        | Current Year    | Previous Year   |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>Opening Balance</b>                                             |                 |                 |
|          | a) Cash at Bank (Savings account) (SBI Guntur)                     | 5.38            | 5.20            |
|          | b) Investments (Fixed Deposits)                                    | 8489.97         | 10464.71        |
| <b>B</b> | <b>Receipts:</b>                                                   |                 |                 |
|          | a) Income from investments (Interest on Deposit with LIC & SB a/c) | 465.57          | 700.76          |
|          | b) Pension Fund Contributions                                      | 2994.17         | 1040.00         |
|          | <b>Total Receipts (A+B)</b>                                        | <b>11955.10</b> | <b>12210.67</b> |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Payments</b>                                                    |                 |                 |
|          | a) Pension Annuities purchased by LIC                              | 5007.88         | 3715.32         |
|          | b) Bank Charges                                                    | 0.00            | 0.00            |
| <b>D</b> | <b>Closing Balance</b>                                             |                 |                 |
|          | a) Investments (Fixed Deposits)                                    | 6941.38         | 8489.97         |
|          | b) Cash at Bank (Savings account) (SBI Guntur)                     | 5.84            | 5.38            |
|          | <b>Total Payments (C+D)</b>                                        | <b>11955.10</b> | <b>12210.67</b> |

**4) Tobacco Board Employees New Pension Scheme Account**

(₹ in Lakh)

| S. No.   | Particulars                                                      | Current Year  | Previous Year |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>A</b> | <b>Opening Balance</b>                                           |               |               |
|          | a) Cash at Bank (Savings account) (SBI Guntur)                   | 0.37          | 0.27          |
|          | b) Investments (Fixed Deposits)                                  | 23.13         | 21.62         |
| <b>B</b> | <b>Receipts:</b>                                                 |               |               |
|          | a) Income from investments (Interest on Fixed Deposits & SB a/c) | 1.72          | 1.61          |
|          | b) Pension Fund Contributions                                    | 265.86        | 244.56        |
|          | <b>Total Receipts (A+B)</b>                                      | <b>291.07</b> | <b>268.05</b> |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Payments</b>                                                  |               |               |
|          | a) Amount remitted to NSDL Mumbai (Pension contributions)        | 265.86        | 244.56        |
|          | b) Other Payments (Refunds to NPS Officials)                     | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| <b>D</b> | <b>Closing Balance</b>                                           |               |               |
|          | a) Investments (Fixed Deposits)                                  | 24.74         | 23.13         |
|          | b) Cash at Bank (Savings account) (SBI Guntur)                   | 0.48          | 0.37          |
|          | <b>Total Payments (C+D)</b>                                      | <b>291.07</b> | <b>268.05</b> |

| 5 Tobacco Growers Welfare Fund Scheme account:                   |  |                  |                |                |                   |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| S. Particulars<br>No.                                            |  | Current Year (₹) |                |                | Previous Year (₹) |                |
|                                                                  |  | Andhra Pradesh   | Karnataka      | Total          | Andhra Pradesh    | Karnataka      |
| <b>A Opening Balance</b>                                         |  |                  |                |                |                   |                |
| a) Cash at Bank (Savings account) (SBI Guntur) (SBM B'Lore)      |  | 71.96            | 233.44         | 305.40         | 30.70             | 107.43         |
| b) Investments (Fixed Deposits)                                  |  | 3865.22          | 2081.97        | 5947.19        | 4059.10           | 2126.15        |
| <b>B Receipts:</b>                                               |  |                  |                |                |                   |                |
| a) Income from investments (Interest on Fixed Deposits & SB a/c) |  | 241.55           | 169.17         | 410.72         | 208.14            | 129.42         |
| b) Growers Contribution                                          |  | 22.17            | 14.10          | 36.27          | 24.19             | 14.76          |
| c) Tobacco Board's Contribution                                  |  | 47.08            | 25.06          | 72.14          | 40.00             | 29.52          |
| d) Renewal of Membership Fee                                     |  | 172.26           | 194.98         | 367.24         | 170.23            | 198.28         |
| e) Growers Share of Sweepings                                    |  | 53.36            | 9.15           | 62.51          | 0.00              | 5.89           |
| f) Penalties                                                     |  | 0.12             | 0.12           | 0.24           | 0.23              | 0.00           |
| g) Interest on Loans                                             |  | 0.00             | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00              | 0.00           |
| h) Misc. Receipts                                                |  | 0.80             | 1.58           | 2.37           | 0.04              | 1.77           |
| i) Grower contribution (Break in Regn.)                          |  | 3.71             | 11.88          | 15.59          | 6.74              | 5.17           |
| j) Marriage Loan                                                 |  | 0.50             | 62.62          | 63.12          | 1.25              | 80.83          |
| k) Education Loan                                                |  | 2.00             | 13.76          | 15.76          | 1.04              | 7.77           |
| l) Major Illness Loan                                            |  | 1.00             | 1.10           | 2.10           | 1.10              | 1.40           |
| m) Barn Damaged Loan                                             |  | 0.10             | 18.98          | 19.08          | 0.10              | 26.13          |
| n) Crop Damage Loan                                              |  | 347.00           | 0.00           | 347.00         | 1088.20           | 0.00           |
| <b>Total Receipts (A+B)</b>                                      |  | <b>4828.82</b>   | <b>2837.91</b> | <b>7666.73</b> | <b>5631.05</b>    | <b>2734.51</b> |
| <b>C Payments</b>                                                |  |                  |                |                |                   |                |
| a) Death Relief to Growers                                       |  | 231.70           | 315.00         | 546.70         | 232.80            | 339.10         |
| b) Marriage Loan                                                 |  | 0.00             | 44.50          | 44.50          | 0.50              | 51.50          |
| c) Education Loan                                                |  | 0.50             | 5.50           | 6.00           | 1.00              | 13.50          |
| d) Major Illness Loan                                            |  | 0.00             | 1.00           | 1.00           | 0.00              | 1.00           |
| e) Barn Damaged Loan                                             |  | 0.00             | 7.90           | 7.90           | 0.00              | 14.00          |
| f) Special Interest Free Crop Loan                               |  | 0.00             | 0.00           | 0.00           | 347.00            | 0.00           |
| <b>D Closing Balance</b>                                         |  |                  |                |                |                   |                |
| a) Investments (Fixed Deposits)                                  |  | 4569.22          | 2201.35        | 6770.58        | 4977.80           | 2081.97        |
| b) Cash at Bank (Savings account) (SBI Guntur) (SBM B'Lore)      |  | 27.40            | 262.66         | 290.06         | 71.96             | 233.44         |
| <b>Total Payments (C+D)</b>                                      |  | <b>4828.82</b>   | <b>2837.91</b> | <b>7666.73</b> | <b>5631.05</b>    | <b>2734.51</b> |
|                                                                  |  |                  |                |                |                   | <b>8365.57</b> |

## **SCHEDULE-24 : SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2025**

### **1. Accounting Convention:**

**As per rule 22 of Tobacco Board Rules 1976, the accounts of the Board are as under:**

1. The Board shall maintain accounts of all receipts and expenditure relating to each year.
2. The expenditure incurred in a particular year shall be shown under separate heads and sub-heads.
3. The opening balance, if any shall be stated as such separately.
4. The closing balance of the year shall be shown at the foot of the accounts on the expenditure side. (Shown in Receipts & Payments statement on the expenditure side).
5. An annual proforma account on accrual basis shall also be prepared for bringing out assets and liabilities as well as the details of reserves and investments.

### **2. Inventory Valuation:**

The stores of stationery and consumable items available at the end of the current year are valued at actual purchase price of the item and shown the same under closing Stock account in the Balance Sheet. The value of stationery and consumable items is shown as the opening balance for the ensuing year.

### **3. Investments:**

As per the provision of rule 23 of the Tobacco Board Rules 1976 -

1. Money required for the current expenditure of the Board with the exception of the petty cash and surplus moneys shall be kept in the Personal Ledger Account in the District Treasury or Sub-Treasury or in current account with the State Bank of India \* (or any other Nationalized Bank) or any of its subsidiaries.
2. Any funds not required for current expenditure may be placed in deposit account with the Central Government in the public account or in the fixed deposits in the State Bank of India or any other Nationalized Bank of any of its subsidiaries.

Provided that the funds in the Board's pension fund or provident fund not required for current expenditure may be invested in Trustee Securities or Ten-Year Treasury Savings Deposit Certificates or National Defense Certificates to the extent permissible or in fixed deposit with the State Bank of India or any other Nationalized Bank or any of its subsidiaries.

(Explanation: for the purposes of sub-rule (1) and this sub rule, Nationalized Bank means a corresponding new bank as defined in the Banking Companies (Acquisition and transfer of undertakings) Act, 1970 (5 of 1970).

3. Payment by or on behalf of the Board shall be made in cash or by cheque drawn against the current account of the Board.

### **4. Excise Duty: Nil**

**5. Fixed Assets:**

The Tobacco Board acquires land & buildings and purchase of other assets like furniture & fixtures, office equipment, electrical equipment, motor vehicles, weighing scales, trolleys, computers and cycles etc., as per provisions of General Financial Rules of the Central Government and are being taken on cost basis. The value of the unserviceable assets is being deleted from the assets on its disposal/sale.

The constructions of civil and electrical works of the Tobacco Board are being carried out through the Government agencies of CPWD and RITES. On receipt of the estimates from the agencies for our proposal for construction of works, the Board releases funds as per the norms in phased manner till its completion of work. On receipt of the expenditure statement for the works completed or works in progress in Form-65, the same is being capitalized as assets of the Board.

**6. Depreciation:**

The method of depreciation on the assets have been adopted under SLM method and as per the rates prescribed in the Companies Act 2013. The depreciation is calculated on the gross value of the asset and provided depreciation up to 95% of the asset by keeping 5% of asset value as residual value till its disposal/sale except the assets of leasehold land and buildings, Trolleys, Fire Extinguishers and Copier Machine. The depreciation on the lease hold land and lease hold buildings have been taken based on the lease period and in the case of trolleys, Fire Extinguishers and Copier Machine on usage of the asset and period. In the case of construction works, the depreciation of previous year is also taken into account. The rates of depreciation on each asset are mentioned under schedule-8 of the fixed assets statement.

**7. Miscellaneous Expenditure:**

No deferred revenue expenditure is in the Tobacco Board to write off over a period of 5 years. The expenditure incurred on recurring nature under different heads of accounts of Maintenance of Generators, Purchase of Water, Electrical Repairs & Replacement of tubes & lights etc. and consumable items of twine, marking ink, towels, and buckets etc. which are not covered regular heads of accounts have been taken under Misc. Expenditure.

**8. Accounting for Sales:****a) Sales:**

There are no sales operations directly taken place in Tobacco Board. The Tobacco Board conducts auctions for sale of FCV tobacco brought by the tobacco growers and purchased by the traders on the established auction platforms in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka as per the provisions of the Tobacco Board Act 1975.

**b) Services:**

Power to levy fees as per the provisions of the Tobacco Board Act 1975 is as under:

- a) Under Section 14A(1) - Where Virginia tobacco is sold at any auction platform established by the Board under this Act, it shall be competent for the Board or for any officer of the Board authorize by it in this behalf to levy fees, for the services rendered by the Board in relation to such sale, at such rate not exceeding two percent of the value of such tobacco as the Central Government may from time to time, by notification in the official gazette, specify;
- b) Under Section 14(2) - The fees levied under sub section (1) shall be collected by the Board or such officer, equally from the seller of the Virginia tobacco and the purchaser of such tobacco, in such manner as may be prescribed.

**Fees liveable on the seller under section 14A:**

Rule 42 of Tobacco Board Rules 1976, the fee leviable by the Board under section 14A of the Act on a seller shall be on one percent of the value of the tobacco sold by him at auction platform.

**Mode of recovery of fees from seller:**

Rule 43 of Tobacco Board Rules 1976, the Board or any officer of the Board authorized by it in this behalf, may recover the fees under section 14A by deducting the same from the sale proceeds of the tobacco.

**Fees leviable on purchaser under section 14A:**

Rule 44 of Tobacco Board Rules 1976, the fee leviable by the Board under section 14A of the Act on a purchaser shall be on one percent of the value of the tobacco purchased by him at auction platform.

**Mode of recovery of fees from purchaser:**

Rule 45 of Tobacco Board Rules 1976, the Board or any officer of the Board authorized by it in this behalf, may recover the fees under section 14A by adding the same to the price of the tobacco purchased by him.

In view of the above, the Board is collecting service charges equally from the grower and buyer @ 1% each on the value of tobacco sold by the grower and purchased by the buyer. The service charges realized is taken in Receipts & Payments Statement as per realization date and accrual basis under schedule 11 of the Income and Expenditure account.

Further, the Board is collecting registration fee from growers to accord registration/renewal of registration as grower, barn operator, nurserymen and from traders to accord registration as Exporter of Tobacco, Exporter of Tobacco or Tobacco Products, Dealer in tobacco, Packer of Tobacco, Processor in Tobacco, Manufacturer of Tobacco and Commercial Grader in Tobacco and Buyer Authorization fee to participate in the auctions as per the provisions of Rules/Regulations of the Tobacco Board Act, 1975. The same is projected under the schedule 14 of the Income and Expenditure account as income of Fees/Subscriptions.

The interest earned on fixed deposits which were invested as per rule 23 of the Tobacco Board Rules 1976 is projected under schedule 17 of the Income and Expenditure account as income of Interest Earned.

During 2025 auctions in Karnataka and 2024 auctions in Andhra Pradesh, the Tobacco Board has levied only 1% normal service charges and not levied any contributions for the sale of excess/un-authorized tobacco produced by registered/unregistered growers.

The Government of India vide its gazettes dated 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 and 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 has permitted for sale of excess flue cured virginia tobacco crop at the auction platforms authorized by the Tobacco Board on the payment of normal service charges only.

The Tobacco Board's major expenditure covers on Establishment and Administrative accounts to meet the functions as outlined under section 8 of the Tobacco Board Act 1975 including the sale of FCV tobacco through auctions on the established auction platforms in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. This expenditure is taken under the schedules of 20 and 21 of the Income and Expenditure account as expenditure on Establishment and other Administrative expenses.

The capital expenditure incurred to provide infrastructure facilities to the existing premises of the Board for smooth conducting of auctions. The expenditure on implementation of various schemes under Extension & Developmental Schemes to improve of quality & yield tobacco, to save fuel, curing cost & time and adoption of various technical implements/material in cultivation of tobacco etc. are taken as revenue expenditure.

The expenditure incurred under Extension & Developmental Schemes both in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are shown separately even though the expenditure is incurred at Head Office Guntur.

#### **9. Government Grants/Subsidies:**

The Tobacco Board receives/draws grants and loans from the Central Government as per the provisions under section 16 of the Tobacco Board Act 1975 - The Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law in this behalf, pay to the Board by way of grants or loans such sums of money as the Central Government may think fit for being utilized for the purposes of this act.

#### **10. Foreign Currency Transactions:**

As per Rule 24(4) of Tobacco Board Rules 1976, the Board shall not incur expenditure outside India in excess of fifteen thousand rupees on any single item without the previous sanction of the Central Government.

The expenditure incurred on foreign currency transactions involved towards advertisement charges in foreign magazines under brand publicity and travelling & boarding expenses for participating in the Fairs & Exhibitions in Abroad & in India, Trade Delegations to Abroad to boost up the exports of Indian Tobacco and Tobacco Products with the prior approval of Government of India.

**11. Lease:**

The Board hires the premises/office buildings on lease for field level activities and conducting auctions for sale of FCV tobacco by following the usual procedures as per GFR both in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

**12. Retirement Benefits:**

As per Section 5 of the Tobacco Board Act 1975, the Chairman shall be entitled to such salary and allowances and such conditions of service in respect of leave, pension, provident fund and other matters as may from time to time fixed by the Central Government.

As per section 6(3) of the Tobacco Board Act 1975, the Executive Director and the Secretary shall be entitled to such salaries and allowances and such conditions of service in respect of leave pension, provident fund and other matters as may from time to time be fixed by the Central Government.

As per section 6(4) of the Tobacco Board Act 1975, Subject to such control, restrictions and conditions (including conditions as to appointment of the officers and other employees of the Tobacco Export Promotion Council, in the events of the said Council being wound up) as may be prescribed, the Board may appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of its functions.

**Condition of service of officers and employees of the Tobacco Board:**

As per regulation 13(1) of the Tobacco Board (General) Regulations 1984, the pay and allowances, leave, pension and retirement benefits, provident fund, disciplinary proceedings and imposition of penalty and other conditions of the service including age of superannuation etc., as like in respect of officers employed in or appointed by the Board shall if no provision is made in this regulation separately, be regulated in accordance with such rules and regulations which are for the time being applicable to the officers and employees of the Central Government of the corresponding grades or status stationed at these places.

**SCHEDULE 25: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2025.****1. Contingent Liabilities:**

**1.1** Claims against the Entity not acknowledged as debts Nil (Previous year Nil).

**1.2** In respect of:

- Bank guarantees given by / on behalf of the Entity - ₹ Nil (Previous year ₹ Nil).
- Letters of Credit opened by Bank on behalf of the Entity - ₹ Nil (Previous year ₹ Nil)
- Bills discounted with banks ₹ Nil (Previous year ₹ Nil)

**1.3** Disputed demands in respect of:

Income tax ₹ Nil (Previous year ₹ Nil)

Sales-tax ₹ Nil (Previous year ₹ Nil)

Municipal taxes ₹ Nil (Previous year ₹ Nil)

In respect of property taxes for the buildings owned in rural areas, the concerned gram panchayat authorities issued notices for payment for payment of property taxes in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. In this connection, the letters were addressed to Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, State Government of Andhra Pradesh Vijayawada and Chief Executive Officers, Zilla Panchayats concerned in Karnataka for exemption from payment of property tax in respect of Tobacco Board's Establishments. Now, accumulated amount of property tax for ₹55,63,753.56 is taken as provision under rates and taxes.

**1.4** In respect of claims from parties for non-execution of orders, but contested by the Entity for the current and previous year as under:

- a) An appeal was filed by the Petitioner Sri Valavala Venkata Sridhar, Rajahmundry in the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh against the Tobacco Board for non-eviction of premises by the Tobacco Board which was on lease to operate Gopalapuram auction platform seeking claim and damages to the tune of ₹1,10,66,618.00. The case is yet to be listed.
- b) An appeal was filed in the Hon'ble District Judge Court, Ongole against the Board by Sri K.V.Srimannarayana, Manduvavaripalem. The Petitioner claiming the rents for early evicting of his premises taken on lease by the Board against the agreement time. The damages claimed are ₹13,37,776.00 and 18% interest on it from 31/12/2015 and other legal costs.
- c) M/s. Stesalit Systems Ltd had approached the West Bengal State Micro & Small Enterprises Facilitation Council for termination of conciliation process as per section 18(2) of MSMED Act 2006 & intimation of arbitration proceedings as per section 18(3) of MSMED Act and seeking a claim of ₹1,38,36,400.50. Since no consensus was arrived, the conciliation process was cancelled and initiated arbitration proceedings vide case No.128 of 2018 at WBSMCSE and it is pending.
- d) The Additional Director General, Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI), Chennai Zonal Unit, Chennai has issued Show Cause Notice No.20/2019 vide their letter No.F.No.INV/DGGSTI/CZU/ST/31/2018, dated 19/04/2019 to Tobacco Board for non-payment of service tax for ₹24,86,69,972/- on the taxable value of additional service charges/penalties for ₹183,83,73,622/- and service tax for ₹129,98,928/- on taxable value of penalties on vigilance cases shown under misc. receipts for ₹9,98,83,002/- for the period from 2013-14 to 2017-18 as per the provisions of Finance Act 1994.

In this connection, the Board had filed an appeal before the Commissioner (Appeals), Goods and Services Tax Guntur for non-applicability of service tax on the additional service charges/penalties collected from the growers as per the provisions/rules of Finance Act/Service Tax Act. The same was disposed off by the Commissioner, Central Tax, Guntur and issued Order-in-Original No.GUN-EXCUS-000-CUM-026/19-20-S.Tax dated 13/12/2019 by confirming the tax demand and penalty of ₹26.17 crore as imposed in the show cause notice.

Further, the Board had filed an appeal with a pre-deposit of ₹1,96,25,168/- as stated in OIO before Hon'ble Central Tax Appellate Tribunal, Regional Branch of Hyderabad against Order-in-Original to admit appeal by CESTAT Hyderabad. Further, the Commissioner (Appeals) has filed an appeal before CESTAT for early disposal of the case during the month April 2023 i.e., on 27/04/2023 and the hearing appeal was disposed by CESTAT to take up the issue in a later date.

No further contingent liability is made in the books of accounts for the period from 2018-19 to 2023-24 due to no liability to Tobacco Board on the contributions of sale proceeds voluntarily made by the growers for the sale of excess/unauthorized tobacco produced by the registered/unregistered growers as per gazette notifications issued by the Central Government from time to time. Any receipt of contribution will not attract service tax and there is no service is provided by the Tobacco Board to collect the service tax from the growers.

Now, the Deputy Assistant Commissioner (ST) Guntur has issued initial notice dated 05/10/2020 calling records and data on tax payments for the financial years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. They have assessed all the records/data as furnished and issued intimation to make payment of GST on certain receipts of the Board. We have informed to the GST Department for non-applicability taxes as raised. Later, the show Cause Notices dated 09/11/2022 for the said three years issued and in this we have filed replies vide letters dated 04/01/2023. Then they have issued orders vide letters dated 30/01/2023 for payment of tax with penalties along with interest for a total amount of ₹23.38 crore. In this regard, an appeal was filed under Form GST APL-2 on 27/04/2023 through Tax Consultant M/s. Vangala & Sons Guntur.

In this regard it is to inform that, the orders of the Appellate Authority, Tirupati concluded and summarized order dated 29/02/2024 in the form of GST APL-04 for the period 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. Finally, the determined confirmed amount is ₹16,96,55,892/- as against disputed amount of ₹23,38,62,330 /- for the said period. For filing of appeal before the Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal whenever it is constituted within three months of an appeal against the order dated 29/02/2024. As the same has not formed yet, the appeal for the orders passed by the Additional Commissioner (State tax) & Appellate Authority for the said period on 29/02/2024, shall be filled as and when the Appellate Tribunal is constituted. Further as per the guidelines issued by GST policy wing, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Revenue vide circular 224/18/2024 - GST, dated 11/07/2024 and in consultation with M/s. Vangala Associates, Guntur, GST consultants to Tobacco Board, Tobacco Board has made a payment of ₹84,08,856/- as tax pre deposit amount and the same was informed to the Deputy Commissioner (ST), State Special Circle, Kunchanapalli, Guntur.

**2. Capital Commitment: NIL.**

**3. Lease Obligations:**

The auction platforms of Ongole-II & Kondepi and Regional Manager Office of Rajamahendravaram in Andhra Pradesh and Directorate of Auctions Office of Bengaluru & Regional Manager Office of Periyapatna in Karnataka have been taken on lease by the Tobacco Board.

#### 4. Current Assets, Loans and Advances:

The details of current assets, loans and advances held by the Board are given under schedule No.11 of the Balance Sheet.

#### 5. Taxation:

Tobacco Board has been exempted from payment of Income Tax as per section 10(29A) (d) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

### NOTES ON TOBACCO FUND ACCOUNTS:

#### A) FORMATION:

The Tobacco Board was constituted by an act of Parliament in 1975 with the headquarters at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.

#### B) OBJECTIVE:

It is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that the Union should take under its control the tobacco industry.

The Trading Wing was created by the Government of India in the year 1984 with a Margin Money of ₹1.25 Crore for MSP operations. The objective of Trading Wing is to mop up the unsold Tobacco on auction platforms at Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the Government and to stabilize the market thereby protecting the interests of growers.

#### C) COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD:

Under section 4(4) of the Tobacco Board Act 1975 the Board shall consist of the following members namely:

- a) a Chairman to be appointed by the Central Government.
- b) three members of Parliament of whom two shall be elected by the House of the People and one by the Council of States.
- c) eight members to be appointed by the Central Government to represent respectively:
  - i) The Ministry of the Central Government dealing with Agriculture;
  - ii) The Ministry of the Central Government dealing with Commerce;
  - iii) The Ministry of the Central Government dealing with Finance;
  - iv) The Ministry of the Central Government dealing with Industrial Development;
  - v) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research;
  - vi) The Government of Andhra Pradesh
  - vii) The Government of Karnataka;
  - viii) The Government of Gujarat
- d) two members to be appointed by the Central Government by rotation in the alphabetical order, to represent the Governments of tobacco growing States other than the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Karnataka.

- e) not more than + ten members to be appointed by the Central Government from amongst Growers, Dealers and Exporters (including Packers) of tobacco and tobacco products, manufacturers of tobacco products and from amongst persons who in the opinion of the Central Government are experts in tobacco marketing or agricultural economics.

\*+ Provided that the number of members appointed under this clause from amongst the growers of tobacco shall not exceed six.

- f) + the Agricultural Marketing Advisor to the Government of India, Department of Rural Development, ex-officio;
- g) + the Executive Director, ex-officio;

#### **D) FUNCTIONS:**

The Tobacco Board discharges its functions as per the provisions under section 8 of the Tobacco Board Act 1975.

#### **E) FINANCE, ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT:**

As per Section 16 of the Tobacco Board Act 1975, the Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law in this behalf, pay to the Board by way of grants or loans such sums of money as the Central Government may think fit for being utilized for the purposes of this act.

As per section 17(1) of the Tobacco Board Act 1975, there shall be formed a Fund to be called Tobacco Fund and there shall be credited there to:

- a) the fees levied and collected under this Act or the rules made there under;
- b) any sums of money paid or any loans granted by the Central Government for the purposes of this act;
- c) any grants or loans that may be made by any person for the purposes of this act;
- d) the sums, if any, realized by the Board in carrying out the measures referred to in section 8;

As per Section 17(2) of the Tobacco Board Act 1975, the fund shall be applied:

- a) for meeting the cost of the measures referred to in section 8;
- b) for meeting the salaries, allowances and other remuneration of the officers and other employees of the Board;
- c) for meeting the other administrative expenses of the Board;
- d) for repayment of any loans.

As per section 19 of the Tobacco Board Act 1975, the Board shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepares annual statement of accounts as -

- (1) The Tobacco Board shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts, including the Income & Expenditure account and the Balance Sheet in such form as may be prescribed by the Central Government in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

- (2) The accounts in Tobacco Board shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India at such intervals as may be specified by him and any expenditure incurred in connection with such audit shall be payable by the Board to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
- (3) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India and any person appointed by him in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Board shall have the same rights and privileges and authority in connection with such audit as the Comptroller and Auditor General has in connection with the audit of Government accounts and in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect any of the offices of the Board.
- (4) The accounts of the Board as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India or any other person appointed by him in this behalf together with the audit report thereon shall be forwarded annually to the Central Government and the Government shall cause the same to be laid before each House of Parliament.

#### **F) FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN GENERAL:**

Under rule 27 of the Tobacco Board Rules, 1976 - Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the provisions of the Central Treasury Rules, the Delegation of Financial Power Rules 1958 and the General Financial Rules 1962 of the Central Government, for the time being in force, shall subject to such modifications or adaptations as may be made by the Board therein with the previous approval of the Central government apply to all financial transactions of the Board.

#### **G) MAJOR ISSUES ON ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:**

1. The Board has adopted the accounting figures rounded off to lakhs in Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure account and Receipts and Payments Statement including in schedules as suggested by the audit.
2. All the Known liabilities are brought under Current Liabilities and all the provisional liabilities are Provisions as per Uniform Format of Accounts. An amount of ₹1297.93 lakh is total outstanding liabilities amount for the year ending 31/03/2025.
3. The details of freehold and lease hold lands are indicated in the fixed assets statements of annexure-I to III (Schedule-8) of the Balance Sheet of the Board.
4. The stationery and consumable items for the year ending 31/03/2025 valued at ₹60.93 lakh have been shown under closing stock account by taking into consideration of the actual purchase price of the items.
5. The total investments of Tobacco Fund are with the nationalized banks in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka for the year ending 2024-25 was ₹79033.95 lakh. As suggested by the audit, the fixed deposits amount is exhibited under the balance sheet schedule-11 of current assets, loans & advances: with scheduled banks-on Deposit Accounts (FDRs). All the fixed deposit receipts have been physically verified and found correct.

The fixed deposits available with the Board have been prepared in a statement and made available in the booklet of financial statements of the Tobacco Board.

6. The depreciation on fixed assets has been calculated on pro-rata monthly basis. The rates of depreciation on different assets adopted by the Board are as under:

1. Land - Leasehold: 360 months period
2. Buildings - On lease hold lands: 276 months period
3. Freehold Buildings: 1.58% (RCC Roof) & 3.17% Non-RCC
4. Furniture & Fittings, Electrical Equipment: 9.50%  
Cycles, Library Books, Misc. Equipment, Tarpaulins: 9.50%  
Trolleys, Weighing Scales & Cubicles: 9.50%
5. Office Equipment, Demonstration Equipment: 19%  
Scientific Equipment, Copier Machine: 19%
6. Fire Extinguishers: 19%
7. Computers: 31.67%

The depreciation on Trolleys, there is no specific percentage available in the Companies Act. The usage of trolleys is very rough by the Mutta Labour. The wear and tear for the trolleys is very high and it will become unserviceable. Hence, the rate of depreciation on trolleys is fixed at 9.50%.

The rate of depreciation on Fire Extinguishers is fixed at 19% as the material used in the cylinders became obsolete after 5 years unless the cylinder is properly placed. Once it is break opened for use at the time of fire accident, it is required to refill with the material by the authorized agency which results cost expensive.

Similarly, the rate of depreciation on Copier Machine is fixed at 19% based on the life span on usage of Xeroxing papers from the copier machine which is 5,00,000 copies. On expiry of 5,00,000 copies Xeroxing, the cost of usage is expensive which involves huge expenditure on maintenance. An amount of ₹576.57 lakh was depreciated on the fixed assets of Tobacco Board as on 31/03/2025 along with previous year depreciation on the assets.

7. The assets have been capitalized / adjusted during the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 as against the advances released to the executing agencies of CPWD and RITES and amount of outstanding liabilities (Capital) accounts. During the financial year 2024-25, an amount of ₹872.88 lakh was adjusted as expenditure against advances to CPWD/RITES for the completed works covered under civil, electrical and maintenance nature. An amount of ₹2.96 lakh was refunded by CPWD on its completion of works against advances released.
8. An amount of ₹119.18 lakh was incurred on account of Misc. Expenditure account for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 which consists of maintenance of generators, purchase of water, electrical repairs & replacements and expenditure on vigilance operations etc.

An amount of ₹389.74 lakh was realized on account of Misc. Receipts account for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 which consists of penalties on vigilance operations, sale of GSP certificates, sale of newspapers, difference cost of bale pattas from growers, surplus interest under input loan account and sale of tender forms etc.

9. An amount of ₹16558.19 lakh was realized on account of Service Charges on FCV tobacco @ 1% each from buyer and growers for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025.
10. The Tobacco Board did not draw any grant-in-aid from the Government during the financial year 2024-25.
11. An amount of ₹37.92 lakh was incurred on account of Fairs & Exhibitions: Abroad and Trade Delegations to Abroad for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025.
12. An amount of ₹814.78 lakh was paid towards retirement benefits such as gratuity, leave encashment and commutation of pension to the officials who retired on attaining the age of superannuation/death/VR cases during the year 2024-25.
13. An amount of ₹93106.49 lakh was available under Current assets, loans and advances account as per schedule-11 of the Balance Sheet as on 31/03/2025.
14. An amount of ₹16.02 lakh was due from the principal borrowers (farmers) pertaining to 1977 cyclone loan account. General suits and EPs have been filed before the respective Hon'ble Courts in the platform jurisdictions and they are subjudice. The Board has made vigorous efforts to recover the loan amounts by giving various concessions viz. 50% in interest and waiver of legal charges for recovery of outstanding dues under one time settlement, as the recovery of dues was very poor.

Almost all the borrowers were dead even any few members alive also become very old i.e. 85 to 90 years and not growing tobacco and untraceable. In spite of all efforts made by the Board, the recovery of the due amount is a remote possibility and there is no mortgaged property to proceed legally for its recovery. In certain cases, where the Board has approached the courts, the legal expenditure exceeds the due amounts of outstanding loan cases.

The issue was placed before the Board in its 122<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 28/07/2007 at Hyderabad and resolved that to send the proposals to the Government for writing off losses in respect of 1977 cyclone loans granted to the farmers as the Government is the competent authority to write off losses as per Rule 24(2) of Tobacco Board Rules 1976. In this regard, the Board addressed multiple letters reminding the same to the Ministry with the recent being sent on 20/01/2025. The approval of the Government is awaited.

15. The fund accounts of Margin Money for Commercial Operations (Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing), Tobacco Board Employees General Provident Fund, Tobacco Board Employees' Pension Fund, Tobacco Board Employees New Pension Scheme (Tier-I) and Tobacco Board Growers Welfare Fund are exhibited under schedule-3 of Earmarked/Endowment funds as suggested by the Audit. The opening balances of bank balances, investments in fixed deposits and income on investments,

other receipts and closing balances of investments, bank balances and other payments for all the earmarked funds of the Tobacco Board have been projected under the respective schedules of the Balance Sheet and Receipts & Payments Statement for the year 2024-25.

16. Funds under Margin Money for Commercial Operations (Grant-in-aid to Trading Wing) account, an amount of ₹3427.59 lakh was available as per the books of accounts. The Trading Wing was created by the Government of India in the year 1984 with a Margin Money of ₹125.00 lakh for MSP operations. Further, the Board earned profit of ₹91.40 lakh while on MSP operations taken during 1987 & 2000 and ₹3211.19 lakh realized towards interest on fixed deposits as on 31/03/2025.
17. Funds under Tobacco Board Employees General Provident Fund account, an amount of ₹729.30 lakh was available as per the books of accounts. The amounts payable to officials is ₹731.91 lakh as per GPF BROADSHEET (which includes interest on subscriptions). By the end of the financial year 2024-25, there was a deficit of ₹2.61 lakh under GPF account. The deficit has arisen as the interest being earned in the open market is less than the interest being paid on the subscriptions of the employees and the same will be funded from the Board funds.
18. Funds under Tobacco Board Employees' Pension Fund account, an amount of ₹6947.21 lakh was available in the books of accounts. An amount of ₹6941.38 lakh was available as deposit with the LIC of India and ₹5.83 lakh as bank balance as per cash book. The Tobacco Board has submitted the existing employee's data to LIC of India and the LIC of India has calculated the pension liability by actuarial valuation as ₹7374.00 lakh as on 31/03/2025. After taking into consideration the deposit with LIC of India of ₹6941.38 lakh and provisional DA increase, Gap amount payable for in service employee, an amount of ₹2263.00 lakh is to be paid to LIC of India and the same is taken as liability to the Board in the books of accounts as on 31/03/2025.
19. Funds under Tobacco Board Employees New Pension Scheme account, an amount of ₹25.29 lakh was available in the books of accounts. The contributions of employees and employer (Tobacco Board) to the officials covered under NPS are remitting every month to NSDL Mumbai as per existing rules. The said amount includes surplus under the fund account along with refundable amounts to NPS officials/balance remittances to NSDL for want of PRAN by newly recruited/exit officials of the Tobacco Board as on 31/03/2025.
20. Funds under Tobacco Growers Welfare Fund scheme account, an amount of ₹7482.00 lakh was available in the books of accounts (Andhra Pradesh: ₹4829.76 lakh + Karnataka: ₹2652.24 lakh). Government of India vide its letter No.6/5/2007-EP (Agri. VI), dated 28/07/2008 conveyed the approval for creation of Tobacco Board Growers Welfare Fund during 2009-10 with the contribution in the ratio of 1:2 among the Tobacco Farmers and the Tobacco Board from the penalties collected on the sale of unauthorized tobacco and excess tobacco by the growers.
21. The proposal for creation of fund account for Gratuity and Leave Encashment was sent to the Ministry and the approval from the Government is yet to be received. On receipt of the approval from the Government, the exact calculation amount of gratuity, leave salary and half pay will be worked out and provided the actual liability after making actual payments to the fund account.

The liability for payment of gratuity, leave salary and Half Pay leave account is calculated as per CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 by taking into consideration of services rendered by the existing employees and provided the same as liability in the books of accounts.

The actual liability of gratuity and leave encashment for the existing employees as on 31/03/2025 was calculated as per CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 and accounted for the same in the books of accounts for ₹2839.07 lakh (Gratuity ₹1471.32 lakh + Leave Encashment ₹1367.75 lakh) as on 31/03/2025.

22. The service tax payable amounts to Service Tax Department on the taxable services taken as auctioneer services (Buyer Authorization fee, Demurrage Charges & Bale Pattas), Legal consultancy services (Legal Charges) and Rent-a-Cab Operators Service (Hiring of Vehicles) have been taken as provisional liability for ₹178.44 lakh as the cases are under pending with CESTAT, Hyderabad. Further, the amounts due from companies for ₹4.96 lakh shown as current assets in the books of accounts.
23. The amounts payable towards retirement benefits, Tobacco Board Growers Welfare Fund (Board's Share) along with other heads of accounts and amounts payable to CPWD and RITES have also been provided as outstanding liabilities and the amounts payable towards property tax are shown in the provisions in the books of accounts as on 31/03/2025.
24. The Tobacco Board has filed Income Tax Returns for the financial year 2023-24 and assessment year 2024-25 as per the recent changes in rules of the Income Tax Act, 1961 after completion of tax audit on the accounts of the Board by the Chartered Accountants of M/s. Umamaheswara Rao & Company Guntur even though there is exemption from payment of income tax under section 10(29)(A)(d) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
25. The Tobacco Board has filed the monthly returns of GSTR-3B, GSTR-1, GSTR-7 and annual return of GSTR-9, GSTR-9C for the financial year 2023-24 by discharging tax liabilities from time to time to the GST Department after completion of tax audit as per GST norms by the Chartered Accountants M/s. Vangala & Associates Guntur.
26. Tobacco Board is procuring and distributing the chemical fertilizers to the indented registered FCV tobacco growers. Up to 2008-09, the Board had engaged the services of Spices Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (STCL) for distribution of fertilizers to the growers. During 2009-10, Board had taken up the distribution of fertilizers to the growers due to non-availability of services of M/s. STCL. For these operations, the Deputy Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Mysore vide his assessment order dated 27/05/2011 issued to the Board to pay the tax amount of ₹2,34,27,445/- and penalty on tax of ₹70,28,233/- for distribution of fertilizers to growers as it is deferred payment without obtaining dealer license under KVAT Act 2003.

In this connection, the Board made all its efforts with the State Government of Karnataka and through the appeals with the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes Bangalore and through Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. The writ petition filed by the Board was dismissed by the Hon'ble Court.

Further, the Board filed appeal before the Karnataka State Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal, Bangalore on 07/12/2013. The Tribunal admitted the case on deposit of 30% amount of tax amount of ₹91,36,703/- with DCCT(VAT), Audit-I Mysore on 31/12/2013. Further, an amount of ₹2,13,18,975.00 kept in the form of BG in favour of Dy. Commissioner of Commercial Taxes VAT Audit-I Mysore. The appeals filed by the Board were dismissed vide orders dated 31/08/2016 by the Tribunal. Hence, entire tax + penalty amount was paid to the Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes Mysore by cancelling the B.G. on 25/11/2016. On receipt of tax amount of ₹3,04,55,678/- by the DCCT VAT(Audit-I) Mysore and they have issued another demand notice dated 09/12/2016 for ₹3,26,98,056/- towards interest on the above said tax for the period from 21/05/2009 to 25/11/2016. In this connection, the Board filed a writ petition on 02/01/2017 before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka Bangalore challenging the orders of KVAT and demand notice dated 09/12/2016.

The Hon'ble High Court given an interim stay of further proceedings pursuant to the assessment orders dated 27/05/2011 subject to the petitioner to deposit ₹32,69,805.00 with the respondent (DCCT VAT Karnataka). In the meanwhile, The Government of Karnataka introduced the Karasamadhana scheme-2017 for waiver of penalty and interest from VAT, CST and KET where the amount is not paid up to 15/03/2017 for the taxation period from 01/04/2005 to 31/03/2016 and case is pending towards payment of interest and penalty are eligible by paying only 10% of the amount of interest and penalty.

Keeping in view the status of above case, the Board paid an amount of ₹32,69,805/- through e-payment on 30/05/2017 vide CTD Ref No.1789617671 and filed an online application to get the benefit interest exemption under Karasamadhana scheme 2017 and filed a memo in the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore to dismiss appeal of the Board due to availing onetime benefit scheme which declared by the Government of Karnataka. The Board has paid 10% of the demand notice amount of ₹32,69,805/- to DCCT VAT(Audit) Mysore by availing the benefit of Kara Samadhana Yojana Scheme and the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka disposed the case on 30/05/2017 due to its settlement of the issue on payment of the said amount. The clearance certificate from the DCCT VAT Department is yet to be received and necessary steps will be taken during the year 2025-26 as the said is not cleared due to administrative grounds.

27. Income tax - There are no dues to be paid to Income Tax Department by the Tobacco Board during the financial year 2024-25.
28. Sales Tax - There are no dues to be paid towards sales tax by the Tobacco Board during the financial year 2024-25.
29. Municipal Taxes - The property tax has been paid on receipt of the demand notice from the concerned authorities, Municipal authorities and corporations. The dues payable towards property tax in respect of gram panchayats are taken as provisions in the books of accounts.

30. During the current financial year 2024-25, the tobacco purchases value from buyers received through electronic fund transfer to the respective auction platform account on 8<sup>th</sup> day of auction and e-payment of sale proceeds to the individual accounts of the growers on 9<sup>th</sup> day of auction by utilizing the services of SBI FAST CMP Internal Portal account in all the auction platforms in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.
31. The service charges and goods & services tax receivable from the realization to auction date from buyers and growers in the auction platforms in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka has been taken in the Income and Expenditure account for the financial year 2024-25 as suggested by the audit.
32. The breakup details on the provision of short term and long-term liability pertaining to Gratuity and Leave encashment accounts are projected in the liabilities side of the Balance Sheet during the financial year 2024-25 as suggested by the Audit.
33. The break up details of advance payments to CPWD/RITES for capital and revenue natures as against advances to CPWD and RITES shown in the Assets side of the Balance Sheet for the financial year 2024-25 as suggested by the Audit.
34. Budgeted Receipt and Expenditure-The Tobacco Board has realized internal resources (Receipts) of ₹22,395.56 lakh and incurred expenditure of ₹11,630.19 lakh during the financial year 2024-25.
35. With reference to the D.O. letter No. PDCA/A/c Desk/Tobacco Board/2023-24/1.42/644, dated 30/01/2025 of Principal Director, O/o the Principal Director of Commercial Audit, Accountant General's office complex, Hyderabad for remedial action on the points raised in the Management Letter on the accounts of the Tobacco Board for the year 2023-24. The modifications as suggested by the audit have been taken up in the financial statements of the Tobacco Board for the year 2024-25 as detailed below:
  - a) The audit has identified in the para 1 of the annexure of the management letter that the revised schedules were not attached to the financial statements submitted to the Board / Audit which resulted in inconsistencies between the figures in the financial statements and the explanatory schedules. Care has been taken to avoid such discrepancies during this financial year.
  - b) In the para 2 the audit has remarked that there were discrepancies in inputs shared with the LIC for actuarial valuation. The inputs shared in this financial year are free of such discrepancies.
  - c) In the para 3, the audit has observed that Tobacco Board has disclosed the provision in respect of gratuity and leave encashment as a combined figure, which is not in line with the uniform format of Account prescribed for Central Autonomous Bodies which prescribes disclosure of provision towards pension and leave encashment separately. Accordingly, the breakup of provision for short term and long-term liability pertaining to Gratuity and leave encashment accounts are projected in the liabilities side of the Balance Sheet during the financial year 2024-25 as suggested by Audit.

- d) In the para 4, the audit has mentioned that Service Tax of ₹4.96 lakh to be recovered from various companies pertaining to 2005-06 to 2009-10 is lying unadjusted. The due amount of ₹4.96 lakh is receivable from the companies who had not paid service tax on auctioneer services pertaining to the period of 2005-06 to 2009-10. The dues from the companies are not received as the companies were closed. It is the opinion of the Board that the companies will be reopened whenever the tobacco market raises with good price along with exports and then the same will be recovered from the companies and hence the same is shown as sundry debtors.
- e) In the para 5, the audit has informed that, Shortfall in the contribution to the Tobacco Board's Growers Welfare Fund scheme to the extent of ₹8.38 lakh was noticed in Audit. Subsequently the board has taken necessary steps and fulfill the amount from Tobacco fund account.
- f) In the para 6, the audit has advised that, there is a need for framing an accounting policy for accounting proceeds from sale of tobacco sweepings. It is to submit that the Tobacco Board collects the sweepings of tobacco at auction platforms and markets the same in auctions. The amount so realized is shared among the Tobacco Board Grower's Welfare Fund and Indian Tobacco Association who represent the trade. Out of the total amount, the receivable amount by the Tobacco Board is only the actual amount that the Tobacco Board incurred towards collection of sweepings.
- g) The audit observed in para 7 that the interest calculated by the Tobacco Board was less than the accrued interest calculated. The same has been taken care of this financial year.
- h) The audit noted in para 8 that an amount of ₹6.84 lakh payable to National Institute of Plant Health Management was not included in current liabilities of the balance sheet for 2023-24. Necessary care has been taken to not leave such amounts during the year 2024-25.
- i) The audit raised in para 9 that the value of 180.55 acres of land was included in the financial statements as ₹430.54 lakh which is different from figure furnished by the management which was ₹431.12 lakh. The Tobacco Board has reconciled the same and will provide the necessary documents to the audit as and when it is taken up for the current year.
- j) The audit stated in para 10 that the advances released to CPWD towards execution of capital works which are underway were shown as "advances to CPWD - Capital" instead of capital works in progress or expenditure incurred. The same is taken care of during the current year while preparing the annual statements.
- k) The audit stated in para 11 that the Tobacco Board had capitalized expenditure on repairs and maintenance work instead of being expensing the same. The Tobacco Board has taken necessary care to avoid such discrepancies during the current financial year.

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**(M. RATNA BAYAMMA)**

MANAGER (F&A) I/C

STATEMENT SHOWING THE FUNDS FLOWS POSITION UNDER NON-PLAN AND PLAN FROM 2012-13 TO 2024-25

| (₹ in Lakh) |                                      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| S.No.       | Particulars                          | 2012-13  | 2013-14  | 2014-15  | 2015-16  | 2016-17  | 2017-18  | 2018-19  | 2019-20  | 2020-21  | 2021-22  | 2022-23  | 2023-24  | 2024-25  |
| 1           | Opening Balance<br>(Plan & Non-Plan) | 34406.37 | 36542.81 | 41384.66 | 47696.18 | 51899.06 | 54701.21 | 55788.64 | 58886.19 | 61493.09 | 60638.28 | 60215.90 | 62237.73 | 69412.92 |
| 2           | Receipts                             |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|             | a) Non-Plan                          | 11541.65 | 15083.54 | 16581.13 | 15387.68 | 14399.60 | 14477.23 | 15395.93 | 15558.10 | 12777.00 | 11029.31 | 12490.21 | 17665.12 | 22395.56 |
|             | b) Plan                              | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     |
| 3           | Grant-in-aid                         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|             | a) Non-Plan                          | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     |
|             | b) Plan                              | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     |
| 4           | Total IEBR<br>(1 to 3)               | 45948.02 | 51626.35 | 57965.79 | 63083.86 | 66298.66 | 69178.44 | 71184.57 | 74444.29 | 74270.09 | 71667.59 | 72706.11 | 79902.85 | 90333.12 |
| 5           | Expenditure                          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|             | a) Non-Plan                          | 2054.13  | 2061.98  | 1728.82  | 634.50   | 748.37   | 13389.80 | 12298.38 | 12951.20 | 13631.81 | 11451.69 | 10468.38 | 10489.93 | 11630.19 |
|             | b) Plan                              | 7351.08  | 8179.71  | 8540.79  | 10550.30 | 10849.08 | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     | 0.00     |
|             | Total Expenditure (5)                | 9405.21  | 10241.69 | 10269.61 | 11184.80 | 11597.45 | 13389.80 | 12298.38 | 12951.20 | 12951.20 | 11451.69 | 10468.38 | 10489.93 | 11630.19 |
| 6           | Closing balance (4-5)                | 36542.81 | 41384.66 | 47696.18 | 51899.06 | 54701.21 | 55788.64 | 58886.19 | 61493.09 | 60638.28 | 60215.90 | 62237.73 | 69412.92 | 80178.29 |



## ABBREVIATIONS

|           |                                                           |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| A.P./AP   | Andhra Pradesh                                            |
| APF/A.P.F | Auction Plat Form                                         |
| Avg.Pr.   | Average Price                                             |
| BAT       | British American Tobacco                                  |
| BG        | Bank Guarantee                                            |
| CACP      | Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices              |
| CBS       | Central Black Soils                                       |
| CMO       | Common Market Organization                                |
| CPWD      | Central Public Works Department                           |
| CPA'S     | Crop Protection Agents                                    |
| NIRCA     | National Institute for Research on Commercial Agriculture |
| ELS       | Eastern Light Soils                                       |
| EU        | European Union                                            |
| FCV       | Flue Cured Virginia                                       |
| GI        | Galvanized Iron                                           |
| GRL       | Guidance Residual Levels                                  |
| GSP       | Generalized System of Preferences                         |
| Ha./ha    | Hectare                                                   |
| ILTD      | Indian Leaf Tobacco Division                              |
| IPM       | Integrated Pest Management                                |
| ISO       | International Organization for Standards                  |
| ITA       | Indian Tobacco Association                                |
| ITC       | Indian Tobacco Company                                    |
| ITDA      | Indian Tobacco Dealers Association                        |
| KK/K.K.   | Karnataka                                                 |
| KLS       | Karnataka Light Soils                                     |
| LSI       | Letter of standing instructions                           |
| M.Kgs/mkg | Million Kilo Grams                                        |
| MEP       | Minimum Export Price                                      |
| MGIP      | Minimum Guarantee Indicative Price                        |
| Mktd.     | Marketed                                                  |
| MPA       | Model Project Area                                        |
| MSP       | Minimum Support Price                                     |
| NBS       | Northern Black Soils                                      |
| NIPHM     | National Institute of Plant Health Management             |
| NLS       | Northern Light Soils                                      |
| NPV       | Nuclear Poly-hydrosis Virus                               |
| NTRM      | Non-Tobacco Related Material                              |
| OFT's     | On Farm Trails                                            |
| OLIC      | Official Language Implementation Committee                |
| PHPM      | Post Harvest Production Management                        |
| Qty.      | Quantity                                                  |
| RCMC      | Registration cum Membership Certificate                   |
| RITES     | Rail India Technical and Economic Services                |
| SLS /SBS  | Southern Light Soils / Southern Black Soils               |
| STL       | Soil Testing Laboratory                                   |
| TBS       | Traditional Black Soils                                   |
| TOLIC     | Town Official Language Implementation Committee           |
| TQC       | Tobacco Quality circle                                    |
| UAE       | United Arab Emirates                                      |
| UK        | United Kingdom                                            |
| US        | United States                                             |

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