

## **Chapter -13**

### **The Particulars of Concessions, Permits Or Authorization Granted By It** **(under section 4(1)(b) (xiii) of RTI Act)**

#### **PRODUCTION REGULATION:**

According to Section 8(2) (a) of the Tobacco Board Act, one of the important functions of the Tobacco Board is regulation of Production and curing of FCV tobacco having regard to the demand for tobacco in India and abroad. To achieve this objective, every year Board lays down production Policy and fixes crop size for different soil regions in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka taking into consideration various factors specified in clause (a) of sub section (2) of section 8 of Tobacco Board Act, 1975 like the demand for flue cured virginia tobacco in India and abroad and the marketability of different tobaccos etc. For projecting the demand, Tobacco Board ascertains the requirements of the manufacturers and the exporters. Board also takes into consideration the global supply situation; the carryover stocks lying in the market from the previous crops and also the specific demand for tobaccos grown in various areas such as Northern light soils, southern light soils and traditional black soils in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka light soils. Based on the demand projected, the Board evolves the production strategy and fixes crop targets area-wise.

Basing on the production policy laid down, the Registration Committee for growers and others will lay down the criteria for registration or renewal of registration of growers of virginia tobacco, nurserymen as per Rule 33 A (2) and 33-D(1) of the Tobacco Board Rules 1976. The committee also lays down criteria for grant of licences or renewal of licences for construction of barns and operation of barns as per Rule 34-M (1) and 34-O (1) of the Tobacco Board Rules 1976. The Registration Committee decides on area to be registered per barn and quota to be authorized taking into consideration the number of licensed barns and productivity levels of tobacco basing on the area –wise targets fixed. Accordingly the registered growers are allocated a production quota in terms of fixed kilograms for his barn(s) and number of hectares of area to be cultivated for his/her licensed barn(s) and are monitored closely to comply with the same.

The soil region wise crop size fixed, area registered and quota authorized for a licensed barn and maximum no of barns permitted per grower during 2022-23 crop season are as follows:

Soil Region	Crop size fixed (m.kgs)	Area to be registered per barn (ha.)	Quota per barn (in Kgs)	Maximum no. of barns per grower	Maximum area per grower (in ha.)
NORTHERN LIGHT SOIL *	49.31	1.60	3500	4	6.40
SOUTHERN LIGHT SOIL	48.16	2.90	3650	4	11.60
SOUTHERN BLACK SOIL	41.19	1.90	3550	4	7.60
NORTHERN BLACK SOIL	3.34	1.30	2400	4	5.20
<b>Andhra Pradesh Total</b>	<b>142.00</b>				
KARNATAKA LIGHT SOIL	100.00	1.40 (Simplex)	1790 (Simplex)	4 (Simplex)	5.60
		2.80 (Duplex)	3580 (Duplex)	2 (Duplex)	

\* N.L.S. includes ELS also

**PRODUCTION REGULATION CAMPAIGN:**

The Board undertake a focused Production Regulation Campaign during crop season to limit the production to the crop size fixed by the Board and 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 limit the production to the crop size fixed by the Board and prevent excess/unauthorized production of FCV tobacco.

In Karnataka, the registration of FCV tobacco growers commenced w.e.f. 06.04.2022 for 2022-23 crop season and closed by 15.10.2022. A total of 40,207 growers covering 51,583 barns were registered for cultivation of tobacco as on 15.10.2022. An area of 60782.42 ha., was planted and production is estimated at 59.78 million kg.

In Andhra Pradesh, the registration of FCV tobacco growers commenced w.e.f 12.08.2022 for 2022-23 crop season and as on 30.12.2022, a total of 42,712 growers covering 38,745.75 barns are registered and an area of 79,830.33 ha., was planted.

**The Auction Platform wise Registration Particulars for 2022-23 crop season (as on 15.10.2022) in Karnataka are as follows:-**

S. No.	Name of the APF	Crop size fixed (M.kg)	Growers	Barns	Area Registered (ha.)	Area planted (ha.)
<b>Mysore Region:</b>						
1	H.D.Kote-1	10.17	3855	5005.00	7007.00	5765.00
2	Hunsur-2	7.68	3393	4220.00	5908.00	5379.40
3	Hunsur-3	6.98	3179	3830.00	5362.00	4681.70
4	Hunsur-64	6.01	2455	3133.00	4386.20	3910.05
5	Chillakunda-62	13.85	5688	7362.00	10306.80	9239.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>44.68</b>	<b>18570</b>	<b>23550.00</b>	<b>32970.00</b>	<b>28975.15</b>
<b>Periyapatna Region:</b>						
7	Periyapatna-4	13.12	4550	6390.00	8946.00	6550.00
8	Periyapatna-5	11.40	4827	6237.00	8731.80	7628.47
9	Periyapatna-6	11.82	4897	6269.00	8776.60	6624.80
10	Ramanathpura-7	10.13	4138	5102.00	7142.80	6266.00
11	Ramanathpura-63	8.85	3225	4035.00	5649.00	4738.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>55.32</b>	<b>21637</b>	<b>28033.00</b>	<b>39246.20</b>	<b>31807.27</b>
	<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>40207</b>	<b>51583.00</b>	<b>72216.20</b>	<b>60782.42</b>

The Auction Platform wise registration particulars for 2022-23 crop season (as on 30.12.2022) in Andhra Pradesh are as follows:-

Particulars	Crop size fixed (mkg)			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>															
Devarapally	7.49	3.34	10.83	1680	1067	2747	1943.17	1114.50	3057.67	3109.07	1448.88	4557.95	2657.05	1275.83	3932.88
ELS	0.00	0.00	0.00	47	0	47	55.00	0.00	55.00	88.00	0.00	88.00	45.00	0.00	45.00
<b>Devarapally</b>	<b>7.49</b>	<b>3.34</b>	<b>10.83</b>	<b>1727</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>2794</b>	<b>1998.17</b>	<b>1114.50</b>	<b>3112.67</b>	<b>3197.07</b>	<b>1448.88</b>	<b>4645.95</b>	<b>2702.05</b>	<b>1275.83</b>	<b>3977.88</b>
J.R.Gudem-I	10.46	0.00	10.46	2386	0	2386	2891.00	0.00	2891.00	4625.60	0.00	4625.60	4371.05	0.00	4371.05
J.R.Gudem-II	10.69	0.00	10.69	2661	0	2661	2909.67	0.00	2909.67	4655.47	0.00	4655.47	4341.30	0.00	4341.30
Koyyalagudem	10.41	0.00	10.41	2585	0	2585	2943.90	0.00	2943.90	4710.24	0.00	4710.24	4728.40	0.00	4728.40
Gopalapuram	10.27	0.00	10.27	2289	0	2289	2757.50	0.00	2757.50	4412.00	0.00	4412.00	4164.20	0.00	4164.20
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>49.31</b>	<b>3.34</b>	<b>52.65</b>	<b>11648</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>12715</b>	<b>13500.24</b>	<b>1114.50</b>	<b>14614.74</b>	<b>21600.38</b>	<b>1448.88</b>	<b>23049.26</b>	<b>20307.00</b>	<b>1275.83</b>	<b>21582.83</b>
<b>SBS Region</b>															
Vellampally-II	3.33	5.21	8.54	1066	1503	2569	878.39	1443.63	2322.02	2546.94	2742.77	5289.71	2395.00	2954.00	5349.00
Ongole-I	2.35	7.19	9.54	996	1971	2967	662.00	2037.63	2699.63	1781.50	3872.20	5653.70	2385.00	4929.00	7314.00
Ongole-II	0.00	8.08	8.08	0	2003	2003	0.00	2209.83	2209.83	0.00	4199.21	4199.21	0.00	3996.00	3996.00
Tangutur-I	0.00	9.97	9.97	0	2827	2827	0.00	2772.49	2772.49	0.00	5258.99	5258.99	0.00	5497.20	5497.20
Kondepi	4.50	5.48	9.98	1946	2004	3950	1198.37	1566.09	2764.46	3445.99	2954.95	6400.94	3734.40	3184.40	6918.80
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10.18</b>	<b>35.93</b>	<b>46.12</b>	<b>4008</b>	<b>10308</b>	<b>14316</b>	<b>2738.76</b>	<b>10029.67</b>	<b>12768.43</b>	<b>7774.43</b>	<b>19028.12</b>	<b>26802.55</b>	<b>8514.40</b>	<b>20560.60</b>	<b>29075.00</b>
<b>SLS Region</b>															
Podili-I	9.51	0.80	10.31	4155	277	4432	2390.87	211.18	2602.05	6941.04	401.38	7342.42	6651.00	453.00	7104.00
Kanigiri	4.81	0.00	4.81	1501	0	1501	1232.10	0.00	1232.10	3572.41	0.00	3572.41	3559.20	0.00	3559.20
Kandukur-I	6.58	2.29	8.88	2515	789	3304	1800.80	649.42	2450.22	4797.01	1234.50	6031.51	5412.00	1612.00	7024.00
Kandukur-II	5.73	1.96	7.69	2105	777	2882	1546.20	550.67	2096.87	4352.27	1047.37	5399.64	3698.90	1287.80	4986.70
Kaligiri	4.78	0.21	4.99	1397	53	1450	1212.97	56.75	1269.72	3518.85	107.84	3626.69	2317.60	60.00	2377.60
D.C.Palli	6.55	0.00	6.55	2112	0	2112	1711.62	0.00	1711.62	4963.72	0.00	4963.72	4121.00	0.00	4121.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>37.97</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>43.23</b>	<b>13785</b>	<b>1896</b>	<b>15681</b>	<b>9894.56</b>	<b>1468.02</b>	<b>11362.58</b>	<b>28145.30</b>	<b>2791.09</b>	<b>30936.39</b>	<b>25759.70</b>	<b>3412.80</b>	<b>29172.50</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>97.47</b>	<b>44.53</b>	<b>142.00</b>	<b>29441</b>	<b>13271</b>	<b>42712</b>	<b>26133.56</b>	<b>12612.19</b>	<b>38745.75</b>	<b>57520.11</b>	<b>23268.09</b>	<b>80788.20</b>	<b>54581.10</b>	<b>25249.23</b>	<b>79830.33</b>

## **ABSTRACT**

(Area in ha., Qty. in mkg)

Region	Crop size fixed	Growers	Barns	Area Regd.	Area Planted (ha.)
NLS	49.31	11648	13500.24	21600.38	20307.00
SLS	48.16	17793	12633.32	35919.73	34274.10
SBS	41.19	12204	11497.69	21819.21	23973.40
NBS	3.34	1067	1114.50	1448.88	1275.83
<b>Total:</b>	<b>142.00</b>	<b>42712</b>	<b>38745.75</b>	<b>80788.20</b>	<b>79830.33</b>

### **(b) Internal Marketing (Auction Sales):**

In the present auction system the tobacco produced is brought to the auction platforms of the Board where it is put to open auctions.

This system ensures to the farmer correct classification, accurate weighment, competitive bidding and prompt payment. This system has been working well to the satisfaction of farmers as well as traders. Senior Grading Officer supervises the classification. Auction Superintendents and Regional Managers do random checking.

### **(c) Introduction of Electronic auction (e-auction) system:**

Though the manual auction system for sale of FCV tobacco has been a time tested one, for fine tuning of the system the Board has opted for introduction of information technology driven fool proof technology in auctioning of FCV tobacco to have absolute transparency in the auction proceedings and to eliminate the errors that were been encountered in manual auction system. Tobacco Board introduced e-auction system in the year 2012.

### **Advantages of E-Auctions compared to manual auctions system:**

The system provides complete transparency in bidding process and facilitates growers to view the bidding process through the electronic displays.

- This eliminates the recording of various auction particulars, thereby no chance of mistakes.
- This eliminates the discrimination of the auctioneer to award a lot to a specific buyer as the system does not allow any sort of manual intervention and hence eliminates bias there by improves the competition among the buyers.
- Since this system does not allow any sort of manual interventions, there by competition and ultimately leads to better price discovery for the produce.
- The buyers can plan their buying strategy in advance by recording their remarks on the hand held terminals provided to them to participate in bidding process.
- Cartel formation can be avoided.

The channel of supervision and accessibility is represented in a form of organizational chart of Tobacco Board at page No.03.

**(d) Registration of Traders:**

The Registration/renewal of registration granted to different categories of traders for the year 2022 and for the year 2023 (as on 23/01/2023) are as follows:

Sl . No	Category	No. of Companies Registered	
		2022	2023*
1.	Processor of Virginia Tobacco	13	--
2.	Manufacturer of Virginia Tobacco	35	--
3.	Exporter of tobacco	181	131
4.	Exporter of tobacco products	543	369
5.	Dealer in tobacco	377	262
6.	Packer of tobacco	21	--
7.	Commercial grader of Virginia tobacco	22	--
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1192</b>	<b>762</b>

**\*As on 23/01/2023**

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, to 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 portal [www.tobaccoboard.in](http://www.tobaccoboard.in).