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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Agriculture**  
**Department of Agriculture & Cooperation**  
**Crops Division**

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

To,

The Principal Secretary Agriculture,  
Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka  
Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Telangana  
and Odisha

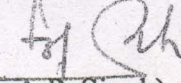
**Subject: Meeting to discuss strategy for replacing tobacco farming with alternate crops/cropping system to be held on 16.09.2015 at 10.30 AM., in Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.**

Sir,

I am directed to state that this Department proposes to consider a targeted approach for replacing tobacco farming with alternate crops/cropping system. In order to finalise the strategy for diversification from tobacco to other crops, a meeting will be held under the chairmanship of Shri Ashok Dalwai, Additional Secretary on 16.09.2015 at 10.30 AM in Committee Room No. 142, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. It is requested that you may suggest alternate crops/cropping systems (both agriculture and horticulture) which may be promoted for replacing tobacco farming. You may also like to suggest the manner in which such diversification can be promoted.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. A.P. Singh)

Additional Commissioner (CC)

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**Copy to with request to attend the meeting to:**

1. Director of Agriculture/Horticulture, Governments of Andhra Pradesh/ Bihar/ Gujarat/ Karnataka/Maharashtra/ Tamil Nadu/Uttar Pradesh/West Bengal/ Telangana and Odisha
2. ADG (Commercial Crops), ICAR, New Delhi.
3. Chairman, Tobacco Board, P.B. No. 322, G.T. Road, Guntur- 522004.
4. Director, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Bhaskarnagar, Rajahmundry – 533105.
5. PPS to Agriculture Commissioner/ JS(Crops)/ JS(Horticulture)/ JS(RKVY)/Director (Crops)/ADC (Crops)/ AD(Crops), DAC, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.