



## Tobacco is cultivated in an area of **4,31,146 Hectares** in India!

It is known to be the most erosive crop, causing a loss of 45 kg of topsoil per acre per year. In comparison, the cotton crop loses 7.5 kg of topsoil, grapes lose 11 kg and groundnut loses 12.5 kg.

If the fertile land of the country, which is currently under tobacco farming, is used for the cultivation of alternative crops, every year, we can grow additional:



**3,62,16,264**  
Tonnes of  
Sugarcane

Or



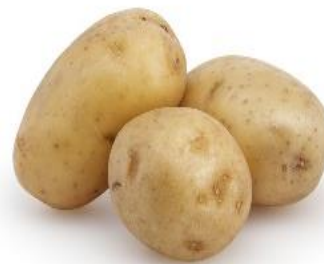
**7,58,386**  
Tonnes of  
Groundnut

Or



**14,43,908**  
Tonnes of  
Maize

Or



**1,03,47,504**  
Tonnes of  
Potato

Or



**15,12,029**  
Tonnes of  
Wheat

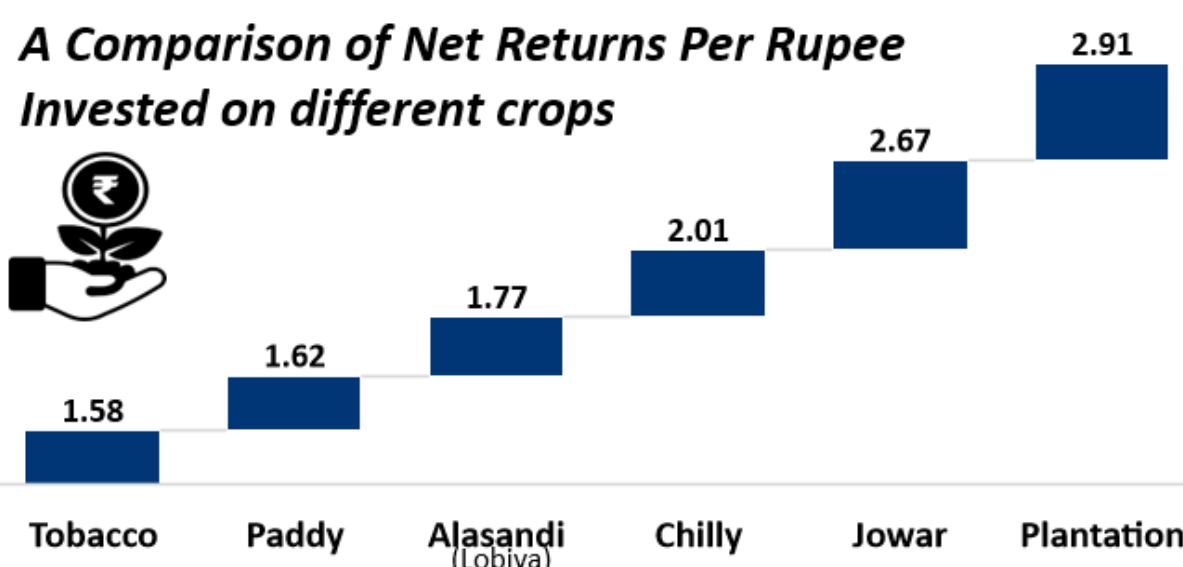
Or



**12,11,089**  
Tonnes of  
Rice

Tobacco Growing State	Area under Tobacco (in Hectares)	Common crops that may be grown on the same land
Gujarat	1,62,263	5,69,056 Tonnes of Wheat
Karnataka	95,479	2,76,412 Tonnes of Cereals
Andhra Pradesh	84,838	1,06,896 Tonnes of Gram
Uttar Pradesh	35,046	31,261 Tonnes of Pulses
West Bengal	15,150	22,089 Tonnes of Mustard
Bihar	10,266	28,837 Tonnes of Rice

### A Comparison of Net Returns Per Rupee Invested on different crops



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