

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO STOCKS
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to dispose off huge stocks of tobacco with farmers and in godowns, to help out the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating the latest stock position in Andhra Pradesh and other States and the requirement of indigenous industry for such tobacco;
- (c) the areas identified for diversifying the use of tobacco for uses other than smoking and chewing; and
- (d) the extent success attained in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): As per the information furnished by Tobacco Board (Ministry of Commerce), farmers are not holding any stock of tobacco in their godowns and hence disposing off those huge stocks does not arise.

(c)&(d): It is possible to recover Solanesol, Nicotine and crude organic acids from tobacco. Besides, crude protein could be recovered from green leaf and oil from tobacco seed. Solanesol is the starting material for bio-chemicals used in the drug manufacture. Nicotine can be converted to 40% Nicotine Sulphate which could be used as botanical pesticide. However, its use is banned in our country and its manufacture is allowed for export purposes only.

The bench scale technologies were developed for extraction of 95+% Solanesol, 40% Nicotine Sulphate and crude organic acids from tobacco.