

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:232  
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DECLINE IN TOBACCO TRADE  
CHADA SURESH REDDY;MALYALA RAJIAH

**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a decline in the tobacco trade in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka; and
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to allow direct foreign investments for developing and manufacturing of cigarettes to assist tobacco trade ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- (a) : There has been no perceptible declining trend in the volume of tobacco trade.
- (b) : Does not arise.