

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5120  
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2003  
PURCHASE OF EXCESS PRODUCTION OF TOBACCO  
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

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

- (a) whether the Government have agreed to purchase the excess production of tobacco from Karnataka by charging extra taxes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the estimated number of tobacco growers in Karnataka that would be benefited by this step of the Government and upto what extent?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise.