

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tobacco industry is not ready to accept genetically modified tobacco; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): The genetically modified tobacco has not been commercialized as yet in the country.