

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:427
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2003
PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity and value of various varieties of tobacco produced and consumed during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the foreign exchange earned through tobacco exports during the above period alongwith the details of countries to which it was exported;
- (c) whether the domestic consumption of tobacco has declined during the above period leading to decline in the persons engaged in the tobacco sector;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the share of tobacco exports in comparison to total exports of agricultural exports at present; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to increase the tobacco exports?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 427 ANSWER ON 22ND AUGUST, 2003, REGARDING PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO.

(a) Under the Tobacco Board Act, 1975 the Tobacco Board regulates production of flue cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco. The state-wise and year wise production of FCV tobacco during the last three years is given below:

(Figure: In Million Kgs.)

Year	Andhra Pradesh	Maharashtra	Orissa	Karnataka	Total
2000-01	3.20#	Crop Holiday	0.72	41.98	45.90
2001-02	119.48	0.11	0.46	57.68	177.73
2002-03##	127.66	0.03	0.45	63.26	191.40

Crop Holiday.
Provisional.

Reliable statistics relating to state wise production and consumption of non-FCV tobacco varieties is not available.

(b) Total foreign exchange earned during the last three years is of the order of US\$ 617 million. Tobacco was exported mainly to Russia, U.K., Belgium, Yemen, Germany, Egypt, Singapore, France, Nepal and South Africa.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Share of tobacco in total agricultural exports (including marine products, plantation etc) in 2002-03 was around three per cent.

(f) Steps to boost exports include inter-alia participation in fairs and exhibitions, trade delegations to important markets, arranging Exim Bank credit line for financing tobacco exports etc.