

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

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AUCTION PLATFORMS FOR BEEDI TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made any efforts to encourage better prices of beedi tobacco;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up auction platforms for beedi tobacco in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any socio-economic survey has been made of the beedi-tobacco farmers ; and
- (f) if so, the details of major findings of this survey?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Government does not propose to set up auction platforms for beedi tobacco
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Socio-economic survey of beedi-tobacco farmers has not been commissioned by Government.
- (f) Does not arise.