

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

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BAN ON TOBACCO SALE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to impose ban on sale of Tobacco products and different brands of pan masala keeping in view the increasing number of cancer patients in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are exporting Tobacco products and different brands of pan masala to other countries;
- (d) if so, the justification behind exporting these items to other countries; and
- (e) whether these products are not harmful for human being there?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- a) & b) There is a proposal to bring out a comprehensive legislation to discourage the use of tobacco and its products.
- c) The Government does not undertake export of any tobacco products or brands of pan masala.
- d) Does not arise.
- e) Use of tobacco and its products are harmful for human beings.