

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether tobacco exports have increased considerably;
- (b) if so, the countries importing them;
- (c) whether the ban on smoking in public places in some countries has affected the exports; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Exports of tobacco and tobacco products during 2003-04 increased by about 18 % in quantity terms. Similarly unmanufactured tobacco exports during 2003-04 increased by 19% in quantity terms.
- (b) Russia, Belgium, United Kingdom, Netherlands, France, Yemen and DPR Korea are major importers of tobacco from India.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.