

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

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

- (a) the export of tobacco and gutka during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the percentage share of India in the world export of tobacco at present;
- (c) whether there is any decrease in export of tobacco; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to boost export of tobacco?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a): The export of tobacco and chewing tobacco products including Gutka for the last three years and the current year is indicated below:-

Year	Tobacco Quantity (tons)	Value (Rs. Crores)	Chewing tobacco products including Gutka Quantity (tons)	Value (Rs. Crores)
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2002-03	107715	770.62	2413	116.88
2003-04	128186	825.48	2944	123.37
2004-05	138159	968.90	3778	140.97
2005-06#	141293	1016.94	5669	170.95

Provisional (Source: Export returns submitted to Tobacco Board)

b): The share of Indian exports in the world tobacco trade is about 6.5 during 2004-05 and 7% during 2005-06.

c): No, Sir.

d): The Tobacco Board provide assistance to farmers to re-orient the production of tobacco to meet the changing international demands and quality, through various extension and developmental schemes such as model project areas, integrated pest management & quality circles etc. The Board undertakes extensive advertisement campaign in the international media to promote Indian tobacco. The Board also invite trade delegations from important markets and facilitate dialogue with our traders & exporters.