

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:606  
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ANTICIPATED RISE IN TOBACCO EXPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the decline in tobacco production by Zimbabwe and China and phasing out of the subsidy given to tobacco farmers by European Union by 2007-08 has resulted in an increase in demand for Indian tobacco in the current and the future also;
- (b) if so, whether Indian Government is considering to take advantage of these events and has decided to give incentive to the Indian Tobacco growers to meet the demand of Tobacco in European and other countries; and
- (c) if so, the total demand of Tobacco during 2004-05 and the extent to which it was met?

**Answer**

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

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) & (c) : Do not arise.