

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

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PRODUCTION OF PAN MASALA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of various types of Gutkas including Pan Masala (in MTs) in the country separately;
- (b) the total demand of Gutkas in the country;
- (c) whether the country is exporting Gutkas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the total foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (f) the number of companies involved in this trade; and g) the steps being taken to improve the production of Gutka in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) As per the third All India Census of Small Scale Industries – 2001-02, the available information on manufacture of Pan Masala and related products for both registered and unregistered sector is as per Annexure I & Annexure II.
- (c) to (f) The exports of chewing tobacco (including Gutka, Panmasala and Zarda) from India and total foreign exchange earned from them for the last three years is furnished here under:

Year	Quantity (Tons)	Value (Rs.cr.)	M.US \$
2004-05	3778	140.97	31.64
2005-06	5739	171.27	39.08
2006-07	5953	198.48	43.94
2007-08 (April-Dec07)	5898	179.85	44.52

45 Companies are involved in export of chewing tobacco.

- g) Programmes and Schemes available under the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises for development of micro and small units are also available to Gutka industry.