

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2646
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2008
VISHESH KRISHI GRAM UDYOG YOJANA
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any request for inclusion of un-manufactured tobacco under the Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana(VKGUY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a & b) Yes, Sir. A representation dated 21.1.2008 has been received from the Indian Tobacco Association, requesting for including 'Tobacco' in Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY) scheme, due to the adverse effect of appreciation of the Indian Rupee. Further the representation states that tobacco is an agricultural commodity on which lakhs of farmers depend.

c) The representation has been examined and it has been decided that the issue of inclusion of Tobacco for grant of VKGUY benefits would be examined during the finalization of the Annual Foreign Trade Policy (RE: 2008), keeping in view the availability of financial resources.