

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is great scope for production and export of burley, oriented and flavourful FCV tobacco due to growing global preference for blended cigarettes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to help the domestic tobacco growers in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details of steps being taken by the government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) - (b) The demand for burley, oriental and flavorful tobacco in the international market is not very encouraging during the current year.
- (c) - (d) The Tobacco Board has the mandate to regulate the production and promotion of export of FCV Tobacco. It implements several extension and developmental programmes for propagating the use of proven technology amongst farmers thereby enhancing the yield and quality of FCV tobacco.