

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

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

- (a) the details regarding area under tobacco cultivation in the country, Statewise;
- (b) the details regarding quantum of production and consumption of tobacco in the country during each of the last three years; State-wise;
- (c) the details regarding volume and value of tobacco exported during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the steps being taken to promote tobacco farmers and improve tobacco production and its export?

Answer

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

a) & b) Area under tobacco cultivation and production state wise is given below:-

| State | Area (000 Hect.) | Production (000 Tonnes) |
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| | 2006-07 | 2007-08 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
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|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Andhra Pradesh | 127.00 | 120.00 | 182.00 | 175.00 |
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| Assam | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.30 | 0.30 |
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| Bihar | 14.10 | 13.50 | 16.10 | 15.50 |
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| Gujarat | 71.30 | 46.00 | 113.90 | 79.00 |
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| Karnataka | 103.00 | 113.00 | 46.00 | 46.00 |
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|----------------|------|------|------|------|
| Madhya Pradesh | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.10 | 0.10 |
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Maharashtra 6.00 6.00 7.00 7.00

Meghalaya 0.71 0.70 0.47 0.46

Mizoram 0.50 0.10 0.40 0.00

Orissa 4.10 3.80 3.00 2.80

Rajasthan 0.40 0.51 0.60 0.60

Tamil Nadu 5.00 5.90 7.70 9.10

Tripura 0.20 0.20 0.10 0.10

Uttar Pradesh 23.00 25.50 125.00 140.80

West Bengal 12.00 11.70 16.60 16.50

Total 368.51 348.11 519.27 493.26

Figures of tobacco consumption are not maintained.

c) The details regarding volume and value of tobacco export during the last three years and the current year.

Year Unmanufactured tobacco (Qty. tons: Value Rs. Crores)

Qty. Value

2006-07 152618 1241.05

2007-08 174690 1478.51

2008-09 196628 2708.05

2009-10 36101 592.73

(April-May, 2009)

d) To improve exports, the Tobacco Board participates in international trade fairs and exhibitions, organizes delegation of traders and exporters to various countries and invites trade delegations from important markets. The Government, through Tobacco Board is undertaking an extensive advertisement campaign in the international media to promote Indian tobacco. The prices of tobacco are ruling at all time high levels benefiting the growers of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco. The Tobacco Board also takes measures to supply seeds, fertilizers at competitive prices under input loan tie up arrangement to tobacco growers and conducts disaster relief measures for the welfare of FCV tobacco growers.