

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

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

(a) the quantity and value of export of unmanufactured tobacco during the last three years separately for different types of tobacco, year-wise; and

(b) the details of steps proposed to be taken to boost the export of tobacco in the future?

Answer

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

(a) The Variety wise exports of unmanufactured tobacco for the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as under:

(Qty. in tonnes, Value in Rs. Crore)

Variety	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
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	Qty Value	Qty Value	Qty Value
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Flue cured Virginia	137779	1242.14	150174	2230.27	174274	2988.40
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Sun cured Natu	4339	20.96	7780	82.56	5292	54.90
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Burley	19622	143.58	20378	247.81	31270	423.90
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Lal Chopadia	5337	17.51	9633	61.38	7997	61.29
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Bidi	559	0.61	1001	1.28	681	1.75
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Rustica	987	4.64	523	6.56	738	6.14
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Others 6067 49.07 7638 83.41 9380 119.11

Total 174690 1478.51 197127 2713.27 229632 3655.49

(source: Tobacco Board)

(b) The Tobacco Board is taking various steps to boost the exports of tobacco including reorienting the production of tobacco to meet changing international demands by enhancing the quality and productivity of Virginia tobacco, to meet the global standards through education and awareness programs for farmers, participation in international trade events, inviting trade delegations from important markets, advertising in the international print media to promote Indian tobacco, periodic interfaces and exchange of views with the Indian Leaf tobacco industry comprising of manufacturers, international merchants and exporters.