

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4453  
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PROCESSING OF TENDU LEAVES  
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**Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has banned the processing of certain items including tendu leaves;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide free market for such produce; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a): The Government in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has not banned the processing of tendu leaves.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): The State Governments undertake the planning required for promotion of local livelihood based on non-timber forest produce collection / trade, etc, which also includes tendu leaves.