

**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) whether an increase has been registered in the export of tobacco and tobacco products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the name of countries where export of tobacco and tobacco products has been made;
- (d) whether steps have been taken to increase the export of finished tobacco products such as cigarette, cigar, beedi, hukka and tobacco leaves; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereon?

Answer

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

a) & b) Yes, Madam. The details are given below:

(Value:Rs. crores; Quantity Mil. Kgs.)

ITEM	2007-08	2008-09	% change	% change		
	(April-March)	(April-March)	(in Qty.)	(in Value)		
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value		
Tobacco	173.34	1931.88	207.90	3457.79	19.94	78.99
Tobacco Unmanufactured	173.34	1432.79	207.90	2763.89	19.94	92.90
Tobacco Manufactured	499.09	693.90	39.03			

(Source: DGCI&S)

c) The major countries where export of unmanufactured tobacco has been made are Belgium, Russia, Korea, France, Netherlands, South Africa, Vietnam, Yemen, Germany, Egypt, Nepal and Philippines. The tobacco products are exported to USA, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Romania, West Africa, Qatar, Iraq, Egypt, Turkmenistan, Montenegro, Yemen, Cambodia, Singapore, Afghanistan, UK, Iran, Bahrain, Israel, Jordan, Turkey, Oman, Tanzania, Malaysia and France.

d) & e) To increase exports of tobacco and tobacco products, the Government through Tobacco Board, is doing export promotion activities, like delegations abroad, participation in fairs and exhibitions abroad, releases of advertisements in international tobacco magazines, etc. Efforts are also being made to reorient the production of tobacco to meet changing international demands and also to enhance the quality and productivity of tobacco grown in India.

The export of tobacco and tobacco product have registered growth (in value) of 92.90% and 39.03% respectively in the last year.