

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:306

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TOBACCO CULTIVATION

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to ban tobacco cultivation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the hardships likely to be faced by the farmers before implementation of such decision and received any representation from the public representatives and the tobacco growers association from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka against such move;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government to review its decision and resolve their problems?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) No Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c to e) There is no proposal to ban tobacco cultivation in the country, Therefore, in view of the fact, there is no question of review of the decision or to resolve the problems of tobacco farmers due to said ban on tobacco cultivation.