

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the production of ordinary and semi-flavourable virginia tobacco during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether Raygada in Orissa stands third in virginia tobacco cultivation in the country;
- (c) if so, whether auction centre of virginia tobacco at Raygada has been opened;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which said auction centre likely to be opened?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) The production of filler and semi flavourable Flue Cured Virginia(FCV) tobacco during each of the last three years state-wise is given below:

(quantity in million kilogram)

| Year | Andhra Pradesh | Orissa | Maharashtra | Karnataka | |
|----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| 2000-01@ | 1.27 | + # 1.25 | # 0.72 | 41.98 | |
| 2001-02 | 88.72 | + # 30.87 | # 0.46 | 0.11 | 57.68 |
| 2002-03 | 91.33 | + # 35.42 | # 0.44 | 0.03 | 63.26 |

semi flavourful tobacco.
@ crop holiday year

- (b) Yes, Sir.

- (c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) The total FCV tobacco production in Raygada is about 0.44 million kilogram. This is about 0.23% of the total FCV tobacco production in the country. A separate auction platform for marketing such a small quantity is not considered viable. A majority of the growers of the area too asked the Tobacco Board to allow them to market their produce in Northern Light Soils (NLS) area of Andhra Pradesh.