

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:382
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FDI IN TOBACCO SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal to allow Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in tobacco sector to promote production of tobacco leaf; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) No change is contemplated in the present practice of not permitting FDI in tobacco sector.

(b) Does not arise.