

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3586  
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REDUCTION IN CULTIVATION OF VIRGINIA TOBACCO  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI) or the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has given approval to health authorities for the stringent restrictions to reduce cultivation of Virginia Tobacco; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reduction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. The area of Virginia tobacco may be as per the demand in the market and farmers` choice.