

Export of tobacco

2907. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to heavy excise duty, the export of Virginia flue curved tobacco has been affected badly which has caused slackness in prices of Tobacco; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to increase the export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir. There is no excise duty on export of Flue Curved Virginia Tobacco (FCV) in India.

(b) Does not arise.

Exports to China

2908. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's exports to China are rising faster than its imports from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of India's export to China and India's import from China; and

(d) the total bilateral trade during January-September this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The details of India's trade with China during April-September, 2001 as compared to the corresponding period of last year are as under:—

(Rupees in lakhs)

	April-Sept., 2000	April-Sept., 2001*	%age growth
Exports to China	161498	201368	24.68
Imports from China	325072	436528	34.28
Total Trade	486570	637896	31.10

(Source: DGCI \$ S)

* Provisional data and subject to change.

Production and use of Nitro Glycerine based explosives

2909. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of Nitro Glycerine based explosives consumed in the country during each of the last three years and expected to be used in the next three years by the Coal and Mines, Road and Highways and other sectors for blasting purposes;

(b) the total quantity of Nitro Glycerine based explosives imported and exported during the above period;

(c) the total quantity of Nitro Glycerine based explosives and its substitutes produced;

(d) the details of major manufacturers of Nitro Glycerine based explosives with its production capacity; and

(e) the details of other fields in which Nitro Glycerine based explosives are being used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF