

[18 December, 2001] **RAJYA SABHA**

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.