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RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
. SUICIDE BY TOBACCO FARMERS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of tobacco growing farmers committed suicide due to damage of crops and unfavourable weather;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government for the livelihood of such farmers; and
- (c) whether Government have any special plan to encourage export of tobacco and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise
- (c) Action plan prepared to boost export of tobacco envisages:

- (i) reorientation of production of Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco to meet changing international demands, enhancement of quality and productivity levels, control of pesticide residues, etc;
- (ii) inviting trade delegations from important markets, generic advertisements and market surveys and participation in international tobacco fairs and exhibitions; and