

# Govt Allows Sale of Excess Tobacco Without Penalty

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**New Delhi:** The Centre has allowed sale of excess tobacco produced by registered farmers of Karnataka without any penalty, considering low production during the 2022-23 crop season.

The sale has been allowed for the excess flue cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco produced by registered growers and unauthorised flue cured Virginia tobacco produced by unregistered growers. They can sell the excess tobacco on auction platforms in Karnataka.

“The decision of imposing no penalty on the sale of excess



FCV tobacco will greatly benefit the farmers of Karnataka to recover the loss due to less production during this crop season,” the commerce and Industry ministry said in a statement on Saturday.

This will help FCV tobacco farmers to overcome their financial plight inflicted due to low production and low earnings and would greatly help the growers to continue their livelihood, it added.

During this crop season, 40,207 farmers in Karnataka cultivated FCV tobacco in an area of 60,782 hectares. The total production of FCV tobacco in the state was 59.78 million kilograms against the crop size of 100.00 million kg fixed by the Tobacco Board, due to continuous rains during the months of June and July 2022.