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2. Maharashtra	80836	2740.72	89939	3261.13
3. Goa, Daman & Diu	8899	49.92	10328	370.96
4. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2676	45.97	15	0.50
Southern Region	1332898	22267.14	676150	9537.60
1. Andhra Pradesh	425231	9118.88	94846	2143.66
2. Karnataka	183970	3520.46	184533	2470.55
3. Kerala	238525	2765.92	162555	1459.67
4. Tamil Nadu	467028	6228.37	226107	3352.84
5. Pondicherry	14900	192.63	8096	110.74
6. Lakshadweep	3244	40.88	13	0.14
Grand Total	2668370	417.6776	1072397	20081.68

Prices of Tea and Coffee

2160. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of tea and coffee are on the increase; and

(b) if so, why the prices of tea and coffee have not come down within the reach of a common man as yet?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prices of tea and coffee have been generally declining in the internal market. Prices of many types of tea are within the reach of the consuming public and government agencies like NCCF, NAFED and Tea Trading Corporation of India are also selling teas in the domestic market at reasonable price. Coffee prices have been maintained at reasonable levels by holding separate auctions for internal and export sales and by releasing coffee through departmental depots and cooperative societies located all over the country at concessional prices.

Tea Gardens in Tripura

2161. SHRI AJOY BISWAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of the Tea Board to set up Tea Gardens in Tripura;

(b) if so, how many hectares of land will be required for the purpose;

(c) whether Government of Tripura has assured to provide land for the purpose; and

(d) if so, when the tea gardens will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Credit facilities to S.C. and S.T. in Villages

2162. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties experienced by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes