

Recruitment of SCs/STs in Coal India Limited

2719. PROF. JOGENDRA KAWADE Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) had issued advertisement on November 25, 1995 for Special Recruitment Drive for SC/ST candidates for the posts of Welfare Officers/Personnel Officers (Trainees) and Junior Executive Trainees (Sales and Marketing) to fill up the backlog vacancies of SCs/STs; and

(b) if so, the number of SC/ST candidates recruited for the above mentioned posts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) As reported by Coal India Ltd. 28 (Twenty Eight) number of SC/ST candidates were recruited as per details below :

Welfare Officers (Trainees)	SC ST	14 13
Junior Executive Trainees (Sales and Marketing)	ST	01
Total		28

Tea Cultivation

2720. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey or soil testing has been organised to discover the areas suitable for tea cultivation in the country;

(b) if so, the States where such kind of survey has been undertaken;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in Orissa in this regard;

(d) if so, the scope found there for tea plantation; and

(e) the details of the programme formulated for tea plantation in Orissa during the Ninth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) and (b) Tea Board has conducted a technical survey in which following states have been declared as non-traditional areas suitable for cultivation of Tea in the country.

1. Arunachal Pradesh, 2. Manipur, 3. Meghalaya, 4. Mizoram, 5. Nagaland, and 6. Karbi Anglong Autonomous Hill District of Assam, North Cachar Hills of Assam, Southern District of Tripura, Orissa, Sikkim, Kumaon and

Garhwal Regions of Uttar Pradesh, Idukki district of Kerala, Kodagu District of Karnataka and Kodaikanal District of Tamil Nadu.

(c) and (d) Preliminary surveys conducted by Tea Board from time to time are indicative of the fact that certain areas in Keonjhar, Kalahandi, Phulbani and Rayagada Districts of Orissa State are suitable for Tea cultivation subject to availability of artificial irrigation in dry months.

(e) Developmental activities of Tea in the state is now being looked after by the Agricultural Promotion and Investment Corporation of Orissa (APICOL). The proposals when received from APICOL will be accommodated under Tea Board's New area Development Scheme for which an outlay of Rs. 2.50 crores has been provided in the 9th Plan proposals of the Board.

Tea and Coffee Plantation

2721. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the area of land in West Bengal brought under Tea and Coffee plantation so far;

(b) the production of Tea and Coffee in the state during 1997-98 and 1998-1999, till date;

(c) whether the government propose to bring some more land under Tea and Coffee plantation in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) The areas of land in West Bengal brought under Tea plantation in Hectares is as follows :

Year	Area
1996	102,650
1997*	103,100
1998*	103,500

*Estimated

As for Coffee, the same has been planted on an area of 25-30 hectares in West Bengal on an experimental basis.

(b) Production of Tea in Mn. Kgs is as Follows :-

Year	Quantity (Estimated)
1997-98	177.10
1998-99 (April-Dec.)	183.93

The Coffee production is very insignificant in the State amounting to hardly 500-600 kgs. per annum.