

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1408  
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2000  
RESUMPTION OF PATRONAGE TO SEPARATIST GROUPS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the tea plantation companies in Assam have resumed their patronage to outlawed separatist groups;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government had earlier planned to raise the `Assam Tea Plantation security Force`; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which the tea industry had reacted to that proposal?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ( I.D. SWAMI )

- (a) to (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.