

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3192
PUNJAB: 04/12/2005
COFFEE PLANTATION
COFFEE BOARD/INDIA/COFFEE BOARD/INDIA

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

- (a) the specific areas found suitable for coffee plantation in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka indicating total area under coffee cultivation;
- (b) the efforts made by the private as well as the public sector for growing coffee and outcome thereof as on date;
- (c) whether the Government have a proposal to increase area under coffee plantation in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka;
- (d) the specific plan being laid by Coffee Board for growing coffee in the country and additional incentives proposed to be given to coffee growers of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and other States during the next 5 or 10 year period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(Shri Chandra Shekhar)

Will be a Statement to be laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3192 FOR ANSWER ON 04 DECEMBER, 2005 REGARDING COFFEE PLANTATION.

(a) Statement on area under coffee in the traditional coffee growing States of Karnataka, Andhra and Tamil Nadu is not possible due to non-availability of area suitable for coffee cultivation. In the State of Andhra Pradesh, an area of 1,75,000 ha in Chittoor, Nellore and Koppal (Chittoor/Nellore Districts), Northanna (Chittoor District) and Nellore (Nellore District) has been found suitable for coffee cultivation. The total area under coffee cultivation in the country is 1,00,000 ha.

(b) As a result of the efforts made by the Private and Public Sector together for growing coffee, the total area under coffee has increased from 1,00,000 ha in 1950-51 to 1,00,000 ha during 1999-2000 and the production has increased from 26,000 tonnes to 2,00,000 tonnes during the same period.

(c) In 1997, due to non-availability of land, there is no proposal to expand area under coffee cultivation in traditional coffee growing States including Karnataka. Besides, in non-traditional areas like North Eastern States, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa, Coffee Board has been implementing a "Special Area Programme Scheme" for expansion and consolidation of coffee during the Sixth Five Year Plan.

(d) During the Sixth Five Year Plan, Coffee Board has been implementing a number of schemes for development of coffee in traditional as well as non-traditional coffee growing States. Under the "Special Area Programme Scheme", Coffee Board provides a subsidy of Rs. 75,000 per ha for coffee growers for expansion and consolidation of coffee in North Eastern States, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. In addition, Board has implemented a "Small Sector Development Scheme" providing for 20% subsidy for activities like water augmentation and irrigation and for buying infrastructure on Farm Level.