

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5283
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AREA UNDER TEA, COFFEE AND RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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- (a) the area under tea, rubber and coffee cultivation in North-Eastern States and Sikkim, State-wise; (
- (b) the quantum of fund sanctioned by the Tea Board, Coffee Board and Rubber Board, separately to the growers of North-Eastern States and Sikkim during the last two years, year-wise; (
- (c) the steps the Government are taking to promote tea, rubber and coffee plantations in the North-Eastern region and Sikkim; and (
- (d) the details of the incentives being provided to the growers in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : The area under tea, rubber and coffee plantations in the North Eastern States and Sikkim are as follows:

(area in ha.)

States	Tea	Coffee	Rubber
Assam	231942	1792	11644
Tripura	6548	907	25380
Arunachal Pradesh	2520	733	244
Manipur	415	726	1610
Nagaland	284	2665	1615
Meghalaya	380	1350	3683
Mizoram	450	452	543
Sikkim	173		
Total N.E.	242712	8625	44719

(Source: Commodity Boards)
Not available.

(b) : The funds disbursed by Tea Board, Coffee Board and Rubber Board to growers in the North Eastern States during the last two years were as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Commodity Board 1998-99 1999-2000

Tea Board	1473.40	1473.10
Coffee Board	344.84	179.20
Rubber Board	1156.34	1164.66

(c) & (d) : With the view to promote tea, coffee and rubber cultivation in the North Eastern States, number of development schemes have been implemented by the respective Commodity Board during the Ninth Five Year Plan. These schemes provide for financial assistance to the growers for new planting, replanting with improved varieties, rejuvenation & consolidation of existing planted areas, replacement of old and worn out machinery, creation of irrigation facilities, processing, training, organizing Advisory Programmes, market support, research and extension and extension support etc.