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LOK SABHA**

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COFFEE BOARD IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have initiated any measures to strengthen the functioning of Coffee Board in North Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to broaden the activities of Coffee Board in the State of Nagaland?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. For development of coffee in North Eastern States, the Coffee Board has established a network of extension offices under the Joint Director (Extension) Shillong (Meghalaya) covering all the seven States of the Region for rendering technical expertise and implementation of various Plan programmes of the Board. For expansion of scientific/modern/improved methods of coffee plantations, five Coffee Demonstration Farms have also been functioning in the Region. A Regional Coffee Research Station at Diphu in Assam is also functioning to tackle the coffee cultivation related problems and also to evolve suitable location specific package of practices aimed at increasing production and productivity level of coffee.

(c) For coffee expansion and infrastructural facilities in the State of Nagaland, Coffee Board has established Offices of Senior Liaison Officer and Jr. Liaison Officer at Dimapur and Mokokchung respectively. Further, for passing the scientific and improved methods of coffee plantations to the coffee growers of the State, a Coffee Demonstration Farm at Kiruphema is also functioning since 1981.