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OFFICE OF TEA BOARD IN NAGALAND
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to open Tea-Board and its subsidiary office in the State of Nagaland;
- (b) if so, the details of the studies conducted in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) : Tea Board has maintained close liaison with the State Government of Nagaland for the last two decades for encouraging tea developmental activities. Feasibility study conducted in the districts of Toensung, Phek, Kohima, Zhenoboto and Mokokchung during 1998 and 1999 revealed suitable climatic conditions for growing tea in these areas. Tea development activity to a certain extent has already taken place in Mon and Mokokchung districts.

Tea Board's field offices located in Jorhat and Guwahati are adequately equipped to monitor tea developmental activities of the state and to extend financial assistance under the on-going tea developmental schemes. As such, it is felt that there is no immediate need for opening a field office in Nagaland.