

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1089
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TEA PLANTATION BY FOREIGN COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some foreign companies are keen to undertake tea plantation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such companies;
- (c) whether the Government have agreed to allow these foreign companies to undertake tea plantation; and
- (d) if so, the details of terms and conditions laid down for them in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) & (d) : Government has received the following three proposals for Foreign Direct Investment from companies involved in tea plantations:-

1. M/s. Unilever Overseas Holding BV, Netherlands
2. M/s. George Willamson (Assam) Ltd, Calcutta
3. M/s. Tata Tea Ltd.

The proposals of M/s. Unilever Overseas Holding BV & M/s. George Willamjson (Assam) Ltd have not been clearedM/s. Tata Tea Ltd has been permitted to issue GDRs and use the proceedings to acquire a UK based tea company.