

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5063
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2001
FUNCTIONING OF COFFEE BOARD IN KBK REGION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coffee Board in undivided districts of KBK region is functioning effectively with regard to the Governmental interest thereto;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have prepared `status paper` on `as is, how is` basis;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the facilities/schemes/programmes/privileges conferred upon the coffee growers of the KBK (Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi) region, considering the `Backwardness` of the said region?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5063 FOR AN ON 20.4.2001 REGARDING FUNCTIONING OF COFFEE BOARD IN KBK REGION

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Coffee Board's efforts are focussed on development of coffee in Koraput, Rayagada, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Keonjhar and Gajapati Districts of Orissa. According to the survey conducted by the Board an area of 22,257 ha. has been found suitable for coffee cultivation in these six districts.

The present status of coffee planted area, production and productivity in the Govt., private and tribal sectors of Orissa are as under:-

S.NO.	Sector	Area under	Production	productivity
	Coffee (ha)	(MT)+	Kg/ha++	
1.	Govt. Sector	1321	59	68
2.	Private Sector	460	143	611
3.	Tribal Sector	49	1	83
	Total	1830	203	-

+ Average production from 1998-99 to 2000-2001.

++ Productivity based on bearing area

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) : The Coffee Board has been implementing a Special Area Programme for development of coffee in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa during the 9th Plan with the objective of weaning away the tribal growers from `Podu cultivation`, traditionally practiced by them and settle them on a permanent footing in an agro-based enterprise like coffee and thereby improve their socio-economic status. A subsidy of Rs. 15000/ha. is provided by the Board for expansion and consolidation of coffee. Subsidy is also provided for installation of coffee processing machinery like pulpers and hullers.

The Board's Extension unit at Koraput as well as the Coffee Demonstration Farms provide the required technical support for coffee expansion and consolidation programmes taken up in the State of Orissa from 9th Plan.