

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

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AREA UNDER TEA CULTIVATION IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total hectares of land brought under tea plantation in Orissa particularly in Keonjhar district;
- (b) whether climatic condition and the land adjoining the existing tea gardens are suitable for tea plantation; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken to encourage private sector as well as public sector participation in existing land?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI MURASOLI MARAN )

(a): The total area of land brought under tea plantation in Keonjhar district of Orissa is estimated to be 213.00 hectares.

(b) : The only tea plantation that has come up in Orissa is in Bhuyanpirth Tea Estate of Keonjhar district. The climatic condition adjoining the tea garden is suitable for tea cultivation though it is not as conducive as the traditional area. However, this disadvantage can be tackled by way of proper land development measures, artificial irrigations and adoption of modern agro-techniques.

(c) : The Agriculture Deptt of the State Government in consultation with Tea Board have decided to launch a 500.00 hectares tea plantation project for the small growers at the rate of 1.00 hectare per family in the vicinity of the existing tea project, over a span of five years at the rate of 100.00 hectares each year. The green leaves to be harvested would be sold to the tea factory of the existing project throughout the year at a pre-determined price. The fund is proposed to be mobilized from Tea Board's New Area Development Scheme and State Government Schemes. The artificial irrigation support is to be provided from nearby Baitarani river. Further, TRIFED, a National level Apex Co-operative Federation under the administrative control of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India has also proposed to take up tea plantation in 400.00 hectares in Tarmakant area of Keonjhar district.