

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

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EXPENDITURE ON DEVELOPMENT OF PLANTATION INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Union Government to develop tea, coffee, spices and tobacco industry in various States during the last two years, particularly those functioning in backward areas, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to develop these industries in the Southern States also?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

(a)&(b): The information in respect of tea and coffee is given below:-

Tea

Region wise disbursement of loan and subsidy for the last two years for field and factory related activities is as under:-

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year    North East    South India    West Bengal

Loan Subsidy    Loan Subsidy    Loan Subsidy

|           |        |        |       |        |        |       |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1999-2000 | 530.31 | 384.71 | 52.28 | 143.24 | 451.51 | 18.79 |
| 2000-2001 | 299.13 | 774.32 | 59.70 | 97.32  | 306.15 | 29.61 |

|       |        |         |        |        |        |       |
|-------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Total | 829.44 | 1159.03 | 111.98 | 240.56 | 757.66 | 48.40 |
|-------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|

The region wise disbursement of subsidy for backward areas for the last two years is as under:-

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year    North East    South India    West Bengal & Sikkim

|           |        |       |      |
|-----------|--------|-------|------|
| 1999-2000 | 92.67  | 29.85 | -    |
| 2000-2001 | 193.01 | 21.02 | 5.45 |

|       |        |       |      |
|-------|--------|-------|------|
| Total | 285.68 | 50.87 | 5.45 |
|-------|--------|-------|------|

Coffee (Rupees in lakhs and area in hectares)

State 2000-2001 2001-2002

Area benefited Amount involved Area benefited Amount involved

|            |     |        |     |        |
|------------|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| Karnataka  | 700 | 114.00 | 915 | 127.00 |
| Kerala     | 68  | 13.00  | 51  | 4.00   |
| Tamil Nadu | 26  | 29.00  | 43  | 5.00   |

The details of development assistance given to backward/tribal sectors of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa are as under:-

(Amount in Rs. lakhs and Area in Hectares)

Purpose 2000-2001 2001-2002

Area Amount Area Amount

|                     |          |       |         |       |
|---------------------|----------|-------|---------|-------|
| Expansion           | 526      | 25.45 | 1168    | 73.00 |
| Consolidation       | 1120     | 66.44 | 14      | 0.80  |
| Quality upgradation | 16 Units | 4.00  | 3 Units | 0.51  |

## Tea

Government/ Tea Board are taking various steps to develop tea industry in various areas including Southern States. The measures supporting include extension of tea area, replanting of old and uneconomical section, improvement of quality through replacement of old and worn out tea machinery in tea factories, creation of irrigation facilities, extending advisory services to small growers, research & development support, organizing training programmes on modern aspects of tea growing for small tea growers etc.

## Coffee

Government/Coffee Board has undertaken various developmental measures to promote and assist the coffee industry under its plan schemes. An exclusive small sector development scheme has been implemented in the three coffee growing states viz. Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu which envisage financial assistance for water augmentation activities and establishment of infrastructure at farm level for upgrading the quality of coffee produced.

So far as Spices and Tobacco industry are concerned, information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.