

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

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TEA INDUSTRY IN ASSAM
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RAMESH CHENNITHALA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tea industry in Assam has suffered a major setback due to violence;
- (b) if so, the estimated losses to the Tea industry due to violence against people of other States and particularly people from Bihar; and
- (c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure tea industry does not suffer huge losses?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c) : The Tea Industry in Assam has not suffered any major setback due to the recent ethnic violence. There was no production loss in the Industry due to such incidents, though there has been temporary disturbance in the movement of tea.

This is a law and order problem of the State. The State Government has taken adequate steps to curb the ethnic violence and to protect the life and property.