

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4637  
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LABOURERS IN TEA INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problems of the Tea labourers in various tea producing districts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken measures to address these problems;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has formed a Committee or Board to look into the problems of labourers who are working in the Tea industry; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (d): There are various difficulties that the tea garden labourers may face. There are reports that in certain cases, violation of statutory provisions have occurred. The State Governments are required to take action in such cases.

(e) & (f): No Sir. However, at the stakeholders` conference on challenges before Indian tea industry held in New Delhi on 16th & 17th September, 2004, a whole range of issues on tea including labour issues were discussed. Government has constituted a Tea Advisory Committee to monitor the implementation of the recommendations that emerged at the stakeholders` conference.