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

- (a) the allocation for the coffee industry for 11th Plan;
- (b) the amount received during 10th Plan;
- (c) whether in the Eleventh Plan, the expansion of coffee cultivation into non-traditional areas would also be given focus;
- (d) if so, whether Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, where tribal farmers are producing organic coffee every year are likely to be benefited;
- (e) if so, the help and assistance the Government is considering to provide to the coffee growers of both States;
- (f) whether the Coffee Board has introduced a new variety of coffee in December, 2007; and g) if so, the extent to which the production of coffee will be increased during the next three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) The tentative allocation for the coffee industry through Coffee Board for the 11th Plan period is Rs.600 Crore.
- (b) The Coffee Board spent an amount of Rs.212 crore during the 10th Plan period.
- (c) Yes, sir.
- (d) In Karnataka, only few growers are producing organic coffee. They are, however, not tribal farmers. In Andhra Pradesh, majority of the small holdings are cultivated by the tribal farmers. The volume of certified organic coffee at present in Andhra Pradesh is around 50 MT.
- (e) During the Xth Plan the certification costs were subsidized. The same programme is being continued during the XIth Plan period.
- (f) Coffee Board has introduced a new Arabica plant variety of coffee viz. Chandragiri in December, 2007.
- (g) Board has a production target of 335000 MT of coffee for the terminal year of XIth plan viz. 2011-12. The target is to be achieved through various activities of the Board viz. improvement in productivity, replantation, water augmentation and quality upgradation. Production increase in the next three years cannot be attributed to the new variety as it requires 4 years of gestation period.