

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5070
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2008
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TEA RESEARCH ASSOCIATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Tea Research Association (TRA) has sought special assistance from the Union Government to upgrade research activities;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether there is also a proposal to nationalise the TRA; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- a): Yes, Sir.
- b): Government has announced a special Centenary Grant of Rs. 20 crore to TRA. Tea Board is in the process of finalizing the proposal in consultation with TRA.
- c): No, Sir.
- d): Does not arise.