GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2548 ANSWERED ON:16.12.2008 COFFEE PRODUCTION Majhi Shri Parsuram;Nayak Shri Ananta

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the production of coffee;
- (b) the total production of coffee in the coffee producing States during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether any target has been set for production of coffee in 2008-09 or in the subsequent years of Eleventh Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to increase the coffee production both in the traditional and non traditional States?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(Estimated)

(b) The details regarding production of coffee in the coffee producing States during the last three years and the current year are follows:

Year Production (In MTs)

2005-06 2,74,000

2006-07 2,88,000

2007-08 2,62,000

2008-09 2,76,600

(Current Year)

(c) & (d) The target for production of coffee during 2008-09 and remaining years of XI Plan period are as follows:

Year Production (In MTs)

2008-09 2,99,000

2009-10 3,05,000

2010-11 3,23,000

The following steps have been taken to increase the coffee production in traditional and non -traditional coffee growing states in the country:

Traditional Areas:

- # Subsidy to replace the uneconomical coffee blocks with a financial outlay of Rs.100 Crores for replanting 40000 Ha.
- # Subsidy for Water Augmentation to improve productivity levels with an outlay of Rs. 11.45 Cr and target of 4600 units.
- # Providing interest subsidy on working capital loans being availed by coffee growers so as to ensure sustainable operations in coffee farms and sustain the farm productivity/ production in the long run with a financial outlay of Rs. 90 Cr.
- # Research and Extension support by way of technology development and transfer of technology for over-all development of coffee. Non Traditional Areas:
- # Extension of financial incentives for coffee development programmes viz., Coffee Expansion, phasing out of Cauvery, etc. in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa with a financial outlay of Rs.45 Crores and Coffee Expansion and consolidation in North Eastern Region with a financial outlay of Rs.20 Crores.