

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

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WELFARE OF PLANTATION LABOURERS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch any scheme for welfare of plantation workers and their children and dependants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent so far in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) &(b) The Commodity Boards undertake various welfare activities for plantation workers and their dependents through labour welfare schemes covered under the HRD Plan Scheme. These are supplemental in nature and cover general welfare measures. During the XI Five Year Plan an amount of Rs. 33.85 crores (approx.) have been spent under this scheme. The basic responsibility of the welfare of the plantation labourers rests with the Garden owners under the Plantation Labour Act,1951 and other relevant enactments.