

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ECO- FRIENDLY PLANTATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop eco-friendly tea and coffee plantations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are eco-friendly coffee and tea plantations in India which have earned international accreditation from United States of America (USA), Japan, Germany, Netherlands, etc.;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government in various States including Kerala to preserve the eco-friendly character of organic coffee and tea plantations?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Coffee and Tea are grown under eco-friendly conditions in the country including in bio-sensitive regions under suitable agro-climatic conditions. Indian organic standards are notified under the National Programme on Organic Production (NPOP) and have been granted equivalence by the EU, Japan and USA. Therefore, organic products certified as per Indian standards can be exported to these destinations without further certification. It is the Government's endeavour to preserve the eco-friendly character of organic coffee and tea plantation in various States including Kerala. The respective Boards are encouraging the cultivation of organic coffee/tea and conservation of bio-diversity by vigorously promoting the same among interested growers through training workshops and demonstrations.