

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TEA AND COFFEE PLANTATION IN NON -TRADITIONAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase tea and coffee plantation in the non-traditional States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the non-traditional States selected therefor; and
- (c) the plan formulated, if any, in this regard for current plan period?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Development Support Scheme of the Coffee Board encourages coffee cultivation in Non-Traditional Areas (NTAs). Under this scheme, coffee cultivation is encouraged in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa and certain parts of North East Region with a provision of Rs. 65 crores during the XI Plan period.

In respect of tea cultivation certain parts of N.E. region, Sikkim and Uttarakhand are treated as Non Traditional Areas (NTAs). Tea Board is providing assistance through its Plan Schemes to Tea Growers in N.E. States including Sikkim and Uttarakhand. Considering the special nature of the N.E. States, new planting is allowed for the small growers in the hilly areas and non-traditional areas of N.E. region. Financial assistance is also extended to Self help Groups(SHG) for leaf collection, transport arrangement and to establish tea processing factories.