

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2499
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2010
PROBLEMS OF COFFEE GROWERS
Gowda Shri D.B. Chandre

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

- (a) the details regarding number of workers engaged in the coffee plantation in major coffee growing States in the country particularly in Karnataka, State-wise;
- (b) whether the coffee growers have been demanding support/subsidy for mechanization of some farm operations in order to cut down cost of production and remain competitive in the market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government has taken steps for timely implementation of schemes for development/support to coffee sector and giving incentives to coffee growers for replantation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): The estimated daily number of workers engaged in the coffee plantations in India is as under:-

Sl.No.	State	No. of workers#
1.	Karnataka	4,75,688
2.	Kerala	43,469
3.	Tamilnadu	27,430
4.	Non Traditional Area (Andhra Pradesh, Orissa & North Eastern States)	40,707
Total		5,87,294

Provisional. Estimated based on the average number of permanent and casual labour employed.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Government takes a considered view on such demands from time to time keeping in view the overall interest of the sector and funds constraint etc.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Under the Development Support Scheme for coffee, the growers are being extended subsidy support for Replantation at 40% of the unit cost up to 2ha., 30% of the unit cost above 2 and up to 10 ha and 25% of the unit cost above 10 ha individual holdings except for Corporate and Co-operative holdings. Besides, the support at 25% of the unit cost for Water Augmentation and 20% of the unit cost for Quality Upgradation and 20% of the unit cost for Pollution Abatement measures are also being extended to the coffee growers having holding size up to 20 ha. for improvement of productivity and quality of coffee.