

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

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PRICE STABILIZATION FUNDS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) has been launched by the Government for plantation crops of tea, coffee, natural rubber and tobacco;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details regarding benefits to the plantation crop owners from the PSF during the last three years, State-wise and item-wise; and
- (d) the details of assessment of the scheme by the Government so far?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b) : Yes, Madam. A Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) Scheme was launched in 2003 to cover a total of about 3.42 lakh growers of Coffee, Tea, Natural Rubber and Tobacco to provide financial relief to them when prices of these commodities fall below a specified level, without resorting to the practice of procurement operations by the Government agencies. Contribution to the Members' PSF saving Bank account by the Price stabilization Fund Trust and/or the Member, in a given year is on the basis of categorization of the year as Boom/Normal/Distress year which is done on the basis of a Price Spectrum Band, fixed and announced every year.

(c): Benefit to the growers from PSF during the last three years, State-wise and item-wise are as under:-

Year	Item	State	Amount Released (Rs.)
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2007-08	Tea	Assam	155500
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Tea	Himachal Pradesh	44500
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Tea	Tripura	43500
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Total		243500
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2008-09	Tea	Assam	179500
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Tea	Himachal Pradesh	22000
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Tea	Kerala	4500
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Tea	Tripura	227000
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Total		433000
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2009-10	Coffee	Karnataka	136500
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Coffee	Kerala	16500
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Coffee	Orrisa	29500
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Coffee	Tamilnadu	21000
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Total		203500
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(d) : 46239 number of growers have been enrolled under the Scheme till 31.03.2010 and Government is intensifying the coverage under Scheme to a greater number of farmers.