

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

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PRODUCTION OF TEA  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details regarding production of tea in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether there is shortage of tea across the globe;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to improve tea production in the country and the outcome achieved thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The details regarding production of tea in the country during last three years and the current year are as under:

Year	Production of tea (Million Kgs.)
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2006	981.80
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2007	986.43
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2008	980.82
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2009(Jan. to May)	215.85
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(Estimated and subject to revision)

- (b) There is no shortage of tea across the globe.

- (c) Does not arise.

(d) The steps taken to improve the production of tea in India include replantation and rejuvenation of old and uneconomical sections of tea, new planting by small growers, creation of irrigation and drainage facilities, organization of small growers into Self-help groups, modernization of processing facilities, training of workers, managers & small growers and R&D support. The production in tea has increased to 980.82 million Kgs. in 2008 (estimated and subject to revision) from 838.47 million Kgs. in 2002.