

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

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PACKAGE FOR PLANTATION SECTOR

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

- (a) the details regarding exports from plantation sector during the last three years, year-wise and item-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is considering a support package for the plantation sector, independent of budget allocations;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether this package is supposed to bestow relief to plantation workers under crop insurance scheme as well as provide debt relief support to coffee growers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : The details regarding exports from plantation sector during the last three years, year-wise and item-wise are given below:

Items	2006-07		2007-08		2008-09	
	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs.crore)	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs.Crore)	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. Crore)

Tea	2,18,150	2045.72	1,85,320	1888.68	1,83,990 (P)	2274.74
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Coffee	2,49,029	2007.90	2,22,339	2045.97	2,01,633 (P)	2235.45
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Rubber	56,545	513.74	60,353	494.30	46,926	450.20
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Spices	3,73,750	3575.75	4,44,250	4435.50	4,70,520	5300.25
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(P)- Provisional. Source: Commodity Boards

(b)to (e): It is the constant endeavor of the Government to implement various schemes for the benefit of plantation workers/growers.In this direction, a Crop Insurance Scheme is under consideration of the Government.Representations from coffee growers' have been received to evolve a debt Relief Package.