

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF INDIAN COFFEE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding output of Indian coffee during the last two years;
- (b) whether coffee output in the country is much lesser as compared to Vietnam and Philippines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the quality of Indian coffee is inferior when compared to other countries; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken to make Indian coffee competitive in the International market?

Answer

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

(a): The production of coffee in the country during the last two years is given below:-

Year	Arabica	Robusta	Total
2008-09	79,500 MT	1,82,800 MT	2,62,300 MT
2009-10	94,600 MT	1,95,000 MT	2,89,600 MT

(b) & (c): The production of coffee in Vietnam and Philippines in comparison to India is given below:-

Year	India	Vietnam	Philippines
2008-09	2,62,300 MT	11,10,000 MT	17,100 MT
2009-10	2,89,600 MT	10,80,000 MT	18,000 MT

The production of coffee in Vietnam is higher while in Philippines it is much lower in comparison to India. Vietnam is the second largest producer of coffee in the world next to Brazil. Robusta is being predominantly cultivated in Vietnam under more favourable conditions like open fields, volcanic soils with copious irrigation in comparison to India where both Arabica and Robusta coffees are being cultivated under shade with fluctuating weather conditions.

(d) & (e): No, Madam. Indian coffee is not inferior in quality and both Arabica and Robusta are fetching premium prices in the international market due to their quality standard. Under 11th Five Year Plan, Development Support Scheme for coffee is already in force for further enhancement of quality production in the country.