

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

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DECLINE IN TEA PRODUCTION

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

- (a) whether the production of Tea including Nilgiri and Assam Tea has reduced drastically over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of steps being taken to increase production of tea and make it available to consumers at affordable prices in the coming years; and
- (d) the details regarding decline in export of tea during the last three years and the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): No, the production has not reduced drastically. The details of State-wise production of tea during the last three calendar years are as under:-

State      Production (in Thousand Kilograms)

2008    2009    2010 (P)

Assam    487497    499997    480286

West Bengal    233133    221573    229784

Other North Indian States    13290    13298    12959

TOTAL NORTH INDIA    733920    734868    723029

Tamil Nadu    170532    169356    170723

Kerala    70287    68964    66754

Karnataka 6079 5811 5897

TOTAL SOUTH INDIA 246898 244131 243374

ALL INDIA TOTAL 980818 978999 966403

P- Provisional

The production in 2010 has declined by about 13 million kilograms mainly on account of adverse weather conditions and pest attacks in North Indian Plantations.

(c): The Tea Board is implementing various 11th Plan schemes aimed at increasing production of tea like replantation, rejuvenation, new planting, creation of irrigation & drainage facilities, development of small holdings, etc. and providing subsidies to incentivize tea production which facilitates in keeping the cost of tea affordable.

(d): The details of Indian tea exports during the last three calendar years are as under:

Year	Volume (In Million Kilograms)	Value (Rs. In Crores)
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2008	203.12	2392.91
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2009	197.90	2785.85
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2010	193.29	2595.21
(Estimated)		

Government of India through Tea Board is taking various steps to boost the export of tea which include conducting promotional activities in the foreign markets and also lending promotional support to Indian tea exporters in their marketing efforts.