

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LEASE OF LAND FOR TEA PLANTATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of land leased out for tea plantation in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) the details of total area of land given by the Government on lease to the tea gardens;
- (c) the details of land presently under tea plantation;
- (d) the details of land presently being used for factory and labour quarters; and
- (e) the percentage of land being utilised for non-plantation purpose?

Answer

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

(a): As per the latest baseline survey carried out by the Tea Board, there are 309 estate tea gardens in West Bengal and the entire land under the management of the tea gardens is leased by the State Government. The details of number of tea gardens (big growers only) in the State of West Bengal are as under:-

Districts No. of Tea
gardens

Darjeeling	112
Coochbehar	4
Jalpaiguri	169
Uttar Dinajpur	24
TOTAL	309

(b): An area of 158760.95 hectares has been given by the State Government on lease to tea gardens.

(c) to (e): The total area of land under tea plantation in the State is 99119.96 ha. and land being used for factory and labour quarters is 19793.63 hectares. Only 15% of the land is available for non-plantation purposes.