

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN DEMAND AND PRODUCTION OF COFFEE

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

- (a) whether the coffee growers in the country have been hit hard by slump in the global demand of coffee and low domestic production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the total production and export of coffee for the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of problems being faced by coffee growers/industry at present;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to implement debt waiver for coffee growers or bring out a package for revival of coffee industry; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

- (a) There is no decline in demand for coffee in the world market. However, Coffee Growers in the country have been affected due to low domestic production.
- (b) The details of coffee produced in the country and exported during the last three years and current year are as under:

Year Production in Exports
(Metric tons) (in Metric tons)

2006-07	288000	249029
2007-08	262000	222339
2008-09	262300	201633#
2009-10	306300@	50305#(April to June)

(@ Post blossom estimate)
(# based on permits issued)

- (c) Adverse weather conditions, ravages of pests and diseases, old age of plantations and debt burden accumulated during the crisis period(2000-2004) are the problems faced by coffee growers.
- (d)&(e) Coffee Growers' Associations have represented to evolve a debt relief package to tide over the debt crisis and to come out of debt trap. The demands of coffee growers are being examined by the Government. It is premature to indicate any time frame.