

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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R D SPENDING ON TEA INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase Research and Development (R&D) on the industry;
- (b) if so, the amount spent on R&D during the last three years; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : The outlay for the 11th Plan for Research and Development (R&D) in the tea sector has been increased by 21% over the X Plan period. For the 11th Plan period, an outlay of Rs. 85 crore has been earmarked towards Research and Development projects covering different aspects of tea research including field, factory and laboratory. In addition, a sum of Rs. 20 crore has been sanctioned towards commemoration of centenary of Tocklai Experimental Station, Jorhat which is the oldest tea research institute in the World and will be completing its 100 years of service to the Tea Industry in 2011. The details of amount spent on R&D during the last two years and the current year are as under:-

Year Amount Spent (Rs. In crore)

2007-08	11.84
2008-09	17.21
2009-10	9.10
(upto October 2009)	
Total	38.15