

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2134
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PRODUCTION OF TEA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Tea Estates in the Barak Valley of Assam;
- (b) the total production of Tea in Barak Valley during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether there is any increase in tea production in Assam including Barak Valley;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, percentage-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance to small tea growers of Barak Valley of Assam and workers of tea gardens during the said period; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): There are 101 big tea estates with 36,652.68 hectare area under tea cultivation. In addition there are 136 small holdings with 452.06 hectare area under tea cultivation.

(b): The production particulars for Barak Valley during last three years and the current year are given below:

| Year | Barak Valley |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 2009-10 | 54.53 |
| 2010-11 | 51.25 |
| 2011-12 | 50.00 |
| 2012-13 (Apr-Dec) | 51.39 |

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The production in Assam including Barak Valley has gone up from 497.78 million kgs in 2009-10 to 581.26 million kgs in 2011-12 – an increase of 16.77%.

(e): Yes, Madam.

(f): A sum of Rs.98.39 lakhs has been disbursed for the benefit of small growers, tea garden workers over last three years. The break up figures are as under:

| Scheme/activity | Area | Amount (Rs.) |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| (Ha)/No. | | |
| New planting in Small Grower Sector | 209.63 ha | 8311250 |
| Formation of Self Help Groups | 1 No. | 500000 |
| Stipend provided to tea garden labour students | 3 No. | 46186 |
| Capital grant provided to school/college | 2 No. | 577000 |
| Special assistance to 7 SC small growers | 26.55Ha | 404970 |
| Total | | 9839406 |