

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

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RESEARCH IN TEA SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Tea Board proposes to send an expert team to Chhattisgarh to examine the prospects of cultivation of tea in that State on the pattern of Assam and Darjeeling tea gardens;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any requests for making necessary arrangements for establishment of a research and development centre and training institute at Jashpur, Chhattisgarh to facilitate tea cultivation in the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the financial assistance sanctioned/allocated for the aforesaid purposes, if any and the time by which the same is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b): Tea Board deputed a technical team in November 2012 to study the techno-commercial feasibility of tea cultivation in Chattishgarh. The team has reported that large scale tea cultivation is feasible in some parts of Chattishgarh.
- (c): Yes, Madam.
- (d): A request has been received by the Government for extending central assistance to the tea farmers in the state of Chhattisgarh and to establish a Tea Research Centre.
- (e): The Government is considering a proposal for providing subsidy for new tea planting during the XII Plan period, under the Plantation Development. The technical support to the growers is likely to be extended through the field office of the Board at Siliguri and Tea Research Association at Nagarkatta and Bengdubi.