

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COFFEE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN NER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to support the Coffee Development Programme in the North Eastern Region (NER);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the frame work chalked out for the purpose by the Government and the Coffee Board;
- (c) the total funds allocated, released and utilized in connection with the Coffee Development Programme in the NER during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the programme has been successful in increasing the production of coffee in NER; and
- (e) if not, the corrective measures being taken by the Government and the Coffee Board in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Coffee Board since 1970 is engaged in the development of coffee in North Eastern Region (NER) with a view to providing sustainable income to tribal growers and to wean away the tribal inhabitants from 'Jhum' cultivation. Since XI plan period Coffee Board has been implementing a comprehensive Coffee Development Programme covering the seven North Eastern States viz., Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura. The scheme comprises support for Coffee Expansion, Consolidation of Existing Holdings, Quality Up gradation, Marketing of coffee, Raising of Group Nurseries. Besides these the Board through its Research & Extension set up in the NE states, has been providing support in terms of research, transfer of technology and capacity building to coffee growers. Recently, the Board has strengthened its extension manpower in the NE Region by filling up of regular posts for an effective implementation of the coffee development programme.

(c): The details of total funds allocated, released and utilized during the last three years are as follows:

(in Rs. crore)

Year	Allocated	Released	Utilized
2009-10	4.00	1.95	4.75#
2010-11	4.00	4.00	4.87#
2011-12	5.50	5.50	5.31

Includes opening balance

The total financial allocation for Coffee Development in NE Region for the current financial year (2012-13) is Rs.5.50 Crore out of which 5.37 Crore has been utilized as on Feb 2013.

(d): Yes, Madam. There has been a gradual increase in the production of coffee in NE Region. The production of coffee in NE Region increased from 143.20 MT in 2009-10 to 220.00 MT in 2011-12.

(e): Does not arise.