

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:206
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TEA FESTIVALS
Thomas Shri P. T.

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal or study report for conducting tea festivals for raising money for the benefit of tea estate labourers in distress;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly Kerala; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto along with the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (c): No, Madam. Shri P. T. Thomas, Hon'ble M.P. (Lok Sabha) during the year 2010 had requested Ministry for conducting a nation wide fest named as "The Great Indian Tea Fest". Department of Commerce through the Tea Board had agreed to a token sponsorship of the event. However, the department and Tea Board were unable to participate in joint organization of event with any private entity.

(b): Does not arise.