

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

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TEA REJUVENATION FUND  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched Tea Rejuvenation Fund (TRF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives thereof; and
- (c) the details of assistance provided under the TRF to the tea industry till date?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Government has set up a Special Purpose Tea Fund ( SPTF ) with the objective of large scale uprooting and replanting/rejuvenation of old tea bushes for improving production and productivity. It is envisaged to replant/rejuvenate 2.12 lakh hectares of uneconomic tea areas over a period of 15 years commencing from 2007. During the 11th Plan, it is proposed to replant and rejuvenate 56,795 hectares and 14075 hectares respectively. Under the scheme, subsidy (25% of the unit cost) is provided by the Government. In addition, loan (50% of the unit cost) is provided from SPTF. The balance 25 % is to be borne by the beneficiaries. Financial assistance to the tune of Rs.48.69 crore has been provided towards subsidy under the Special Purpose Tea Fund (SPTF) Scheme since inception till date (1st April 2007 to 30th November 2009) for replantation and rejuvenation of 9902 hectares and 3685 hectares respectively.