

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the coffee planters are utilising/pro- poses to tap overseas expertise to boost coffee production in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): The Coffee Board has been implementing through Central Coffee Research Institute (CCRI) several R&D programmes on coffee in collaboration with various International Institutions viz. Central Rusts Research Centre (CIFC), Portugal, CIRAD, Montpellier, France, Natural Resources Institute, UK. Coffee Board is also implementing a collaborative project with the World Coffee Research (WCR) organization at international level for improving Arabica coffee. The colla- borative projects are aimed at evolving- improved coffee varieties having resistance to major pest, diseases and drought and developing technologies for coffee prod- uction through improved soil health, management practices and eco-friendly measures.

One of the Growers' Associations viz., Karnataka Planters' Association had organized study tours to Vietnam, Brazil and Israel for the benefit of its grower members from 2011 to 2013.