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

- (a) the production and domestic consumption of tea and coffee in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;
- (b) the quantum and value of export and import of tea and coffee during the said period, country-wise;
- (c) the share of India in world production and export of tea and coffee along with the share of various States/UTs therein, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether there has been decline in production and export of tea and coffee and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the financial assistance provided by the Government to tea coffee growers, particularly to small tea growers of Assam during the said period; and
- (f) the measures taken/being taken by the Govern- ment to boost production and export of tea and coffee?

Answer

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

- (a) : State-wise production of tea and coffee during the last three years and the current year are detailed in Annexure-I. Domestic consumption of these crops during the last three years and the current year are detailed in Annexure-II. State-wise data of domestic consumption are not maintained by the Government.
- (b) : Quantum and value of export and import of tea and coffee during last three years and current year in respect of major destinations and origin countries are given in Annexure-III and Annexure- IV respectively.
- (c) : Share of India in total world production of tea and coffee was 25 percent (in 2013) and 3.56 percent (in 2013-14) respectively. The share of India in total world export of tea and coffee was 11.76% (2014) and 4.60% (in 2013-14) respectively. The state-wise share of coffee production percentage during 2013-14 to the total production is given below:

Karna-	Kerala	Tamil	Andhra	Odisha	NE States
taka	Nadu	Pradesh			
69.33	21.90	6.17	2.40	0.14	0.06

The state-wise data of tea and coffee exports is not maintained by the Government.

- (d) : Production and exports of tea during the last three years have grown. During the current year 2014-15 (Apr-Dec), both the production and export of tea declined compared to its corresponding period in 2013-14 due to adverse weather climate prevailing during April-June 2014. Decline in export of tea is attributable to loss of Assam Orthodox tea production during peak season, lower price of teas from Africa in the world market and fall in demand in high-value markets such as USA, Iran, Russia and Bangladesh.

There has been a gradual increase in the production of coffee in the country. However, production was 4.3% less in 2013-13 as compared with 2012-13 due to adverse weather conditions coupled with unpredictable and erratic rainfall. However, the coffee exports have shown increase from year to year.

- (e) The Financial assistance provided by the Government to tea and coffee growers, particularly to small tea growers of Assam during last three years are given in Annexure-V.
- (f) : Government has taken measures to boost the production and export of tea and coffee through the Tea and Coffee Boards which

provide financial and technical assistance to the growers and the industry for new planting, replanting, rejuvenation, quality up-gradation, value addition and market promotion. The schemes to promote export of plantation crops envisage providing assistance for participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, buyer-seller meets, brand promotion, presenting export awards, public relation campaigns and incentives for export of value added products.