

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Tea Research and Development Centre

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the Darjeeling Tea Research and Development Centre, Kurseong and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- b) the budgetary allocation made and funds utilised by the tea centre during the last three years, year-wise along with major initiatives/research undertaken by the centre on tea;
- c) whether any new centre is proposed to be set up by Tea Board and other institutions for encouraging the research in tea and if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether the Government proposes to seek the co-operation of Agri universities and other research institutes in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- e) whether the Government also proposes to collaborate with the private sector to develop and augment the production of new varieties of tea and improve its quality and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
