

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

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Meeting with Stakeholders of Tea Industry  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- a) whether the Government has held any meeting with the stakeholders of the tea industry, especially those pertaining to the tea auction segment and the small tea growers; and
- b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): A consultation with stakeholders of tea sector including representatives of small tea growers, large tea estates, buyers, dealers, auctioneers of tea, etc. was held at Guwahati on 13.10.2014. Another meeting was held in Kolkata on 17.7.2015 to discuss issues relating to mandatory sale of tea through public auction and changes needed in the procedures and norms governing tea auctions. Views of stakeholders obtained in course of the consultations has enabled the government to analyze and undertake improvements as necessary in the rules of marketing of tea.

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