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TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th MARCH, 2020

TEA ESTATES IN BARAK VALLEY IN ASSAM

1820. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of tea estates situated in Barak valley of Assam;
- (b) the total production of tea in Barak valley during each of last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether there has been a decline in the net production and corresponding decline in the export of tea during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) the amount of financial assistance given by Government to small tea growers and workers in tea garden during the said period; and
- (f) the other steps taken by Government to boost tea production?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): As per Baseline Survey, 2018 conducted by Tea Board, there are 100 tea estates located in Barak Valley of Assam.

(b): The total production of tea in Barak Valley during each of last three years and the current year is given in the following Table:

Year	Tea Production in Barak Valley (Qty in M.Kgs)
2016-17	50.06
2017-18	47.40
2018-19	46.09
2019-20 (Apr-Dec)*	43.44
2018-19 (Apr-Dec)	44.52

*Provisional, subject to revision.

Source: Tea Board

(c) & (d): The tea production is increasing Year-on-Year. Similarly, the exports are also increasing in proportion to production trend. The details of tea production and exports in value during the last three years and the current year (Apr. -Dec.) is given in the following Table:

Year	Tea Production (Qty in M.Kgs)	Value of Exports (Rs.Crs)
2016-17	1250.49	4632.50
2017-18	1325.05	5064.88
2018-19	1350.04	5506.84
2019-20 (Apr-Dec)*	1286.09	4191.79
2018-19 (Apr-Dec)	1246.43	4088.01

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Source: Tea Board

(e): The amount of financial assistance given by the Tea Board to the small tea growers and workers in the country, including the Barak Valley, under the Tea Development & Promotion Scheme during 2017-18 to 2019-20 (upto February 2020) is Rs.54.55 Cr.

(f): In order to increase the production of tea in all the tea growing regions of the country, the Tea Development & Promotion Scheme is being implemented by the Tea Board. The main activities of the Scheme, inter alia, includes replantation, rejuvenation, field mechanization, factory modernization, quality certification and workers welfare.
