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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1821
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th MARCH, 2020

TASK FORCE TO STUDY COFFEE SECTOR ISSUES

1821. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up a task force to study coffee sector issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the United Planters' Association of Southern India has submitted a detailed presentation to address the issues of the sector now being faced by them?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)& (b) : With a view to address the issues related to damage caused to coffee plantations due to heavy floods, the Central Government had taken up the matter with Government of Karnataka. A Task Force was constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary of Karnataka to assess the extent of damage due to natural calamity and suggest suitable measures to redress these issues. In respect of Kerala, a detailed scientific assessment was conducted by Coffee Board and a detailed report was submitted to the Government of Kerala.

The details are as under: -

State	Area affected by crop loss of > 33% (ha.)	Amount of eligible claims for crop loss of > 33% (Rs. Crore)	Coffee area damaged due to landslides & floods (Ha.)	Total Coffee crop Loss occurred due to heavy rains (MT)
Karnataka	99,984	128.04	550	60,103
Kerala	10,308	18.55	73.6	9,256
Total	1,10,292	146.59	623.60	69,359

To support the affected people of the State Government of Kerala and Karnataka, the following relief measures have been provided by the Government of India:-

- i. Released both the instalments of Central Share of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) amounting to Rs. 192.60 crore and Rs. 600.00 crore, released on account basis from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to Government of Kerala for immediate relief measures. After the visit of Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT), the High Level Committee (HLC) approved the additional assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to Rs. 3048.39 crore to Kerala.
 - ii. Released the 1st instalment of Central Share of SDRF amounting to Rs. 144.00 crore to Government of Karnataka for immediate relief measures. In addition, an amount of Rs. 525.22 crore released from NDRF for management of floods/ landslides of 2018.
- (c) : No, Sir. United Planters' Association of Southern India (UPASI) is an association of planters, working in close collaboration with the Department of Commerce on a regular basis. Department of Commerce holds interaction with various stakeholders i.e. planters, coffee exporters to understand and resolve the issues emerging in the sector from time to time. Department of Commerce also takes into accounts the inputs given by UPASI while formulating policies for the sector. The associations, viz., United Planters' Association of Southern India (UPASI), Karnataka Growers' Federation (KGF), Karnataka Planters' Association (KPA), Codagu Planters' Association (CPA) etc. keep highlighting the issues of coffee sector.
