

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1009**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**NEED TO INCREASE TEA CULTIVATION IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES**

1009. DR. C.M. RAMESH:

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

- (a) whether Government propose to encourage tea growers in the North Eastern States to increase tea cultivation in that area to boost domestic production;
- (b) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of domestic production of tea and organic tea during the last three years and quantity of tea exported during that period, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

**(a) to (c):** The Central Government, through Tea Board, is implementing “Tea Development and Promotion Scheme (TDPS)” which inter-alia, includes activities for improvement in Tea production, productivity, quality upgradation, research and extension, promotion of exports and value addition through provisions of financial and technical assistance to growers and other stakeholders of the tea industry. Financial assistance has been provided by the Tea Board for various activities like replantation/replacement, rejuvenation, irrigation, mechanisation, orthodox Tea production, setting up of Tea Factories, self help groups / farmer producer organisation, brand building, promotion and incentives to the exporters etc. under the scheme.

As part of scheme, support is provided to various tea growing states including Assam and the scheme also includes a specific component for the North Eastern States.

The details of domestic tea production, organic tea production and total exports during the last three years are as under:

Year	Domestic Production (Milion Kgs)	Organic tea production (Million kgs)	Total Exports (Million Kgs)
2020	1257.53	11.07	209.72
2021	1343.06	11.62	196.54
2022 *	1340.49	11.58	241.99

\*Provisional.

Source: Tea Board

\*\*\*\*\*