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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
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INCENTIVES FOR TEA GROWERS IN SIKKIM

1314. SHRI DORJEE TSHERING LEPCHA:

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

- (a) whether Government intends to provide assistance and incentives to tea growers in Sikkim, given that Sikkim is encouraging tea plantation in all six districts;
- (b) if so, the types of support and financial assistance that will be provided; and
- (c) whether there are any specific programs or initiatives planned to promote Sikkim's tea industry on a national and international scale?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c) Tea Board, under its Tea Development & Promotion Scheme, approved for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26, provides support to tea growers all over the country (including in Sikkim) for various activities which inter alia include re-plantation of old and senile tea bushes, raising of tea nurseries, mobilization of small growers into Self Help Groups/Farmer Producer Organisations and providing them common facilities such as field mechanization equipment, leaf carriage vehicles, pruning machines and support for setting up of Mini Tea Factories. The Tea Board also conducts trainings and capacity building workshops for tea growers on field management practices & plant protection formulation application for improving production, productivity and quality of Tea.

Tea Board regularly promotes Indian tea, including Sikkim Tea, in domestic and international markets. Promotion of Sikkim Tea is carried out by Tea Board through participation in various domestic and international promotional events, fairs, exhibitions, tea tasting and tea sampling activities and through various Indian Missions abroad.
