

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1582
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th MARCH,2018

TEA INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tea industry in the country is facing low production due to climate changes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to help the tea growers who are suffering the low output due to climate changes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): No, Madam. In fact, the overall production of tea in the country has increased in the last five years from 1135.07 M.Kgs. in 2012-13 to 1250.49 M.Kgs. in 2016-17. However, to mitigate the negative effects of climate change, financial assistance is being extended by the Tea Board for setting up irrigation systems. The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) has also been extended to small tea growers in the country.
