

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 376**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 07<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2019**

**TEA PRODUCTION**

\*376. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

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

- (a) the total production of tea in the country, especially in the North-Eastern States and Odisha during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take steps to increase the production of tea in the North-Eastern region;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the other steps taken by the Government to promote research work in the field of tea production; and
- (d) whether any agreements have been signed with various universities in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ( श्री सुरेश प्रभु )

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI SURESH PRABHU)

a) to d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA  
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REGARDING “TEA PRODUCTION”.**

(a): The details of total production of tea in the country (State/UT-wise), during the last three years is given in the following Table.

State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Assam	652.95	657.24	676.31
Tripura	8.96	9.46	8.72
Arunachal Pradesh	11.34	12.14	11.16
Meghalaya	0.31	0.52	0.47
Nagaland	0.18	0.81	1.24
Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sikkim	0.08	0.08	0.12
<b>Total North Eastern States</b>	<b>673.82</b>	<b>680.25</b>	<b>698.02</b>
Others	559.32	570.24	627.03
<b>All India Production</b>	<b>1233.14</b>	<b>1250.49</b>	<b>1325.05</b>

*Source: Tea Board*

The State of Odisha does not have any recorded tea cultivation and tea production.

(b) & (c): In order to increase the production of tea in all the tea growing regions of the country, including North-Eastern region, the “Tea Development & Promotion Scheme” is being implemented by the Tea Board during the Medium Term Framework Period 2017-20. The main activities of the Scheme, inter alia, includes replantation, rejuvenation, field mechanization, factory modernization, quality certification and workers welfare.

Tea Board regularly undertakes activities aimed at promoting research in association with research institutions such as Tea Research Association (TRA), Tea Research Foundation (TRF) of United Planters’ Association of Southern India (UPASI) and others. A Quality Control Laboratory (QCL) has been set up at Siliguri in West Bengal for undertaking testing of quality parameters, pesticide residue, bio-pesticides, bio-fertilizer, heavy metal, microbiological contaminants, etc. in accordance with the standards of national and international regulatory bodies.

(d) Tocklai Tea Research Institute (TRI) has signed an MoU with University of California, Davis USA (UC Davis) in 2017 to work on productivity related issues. The Tocklai TRI also has a MoU with Kunming Institute of Botany, China to work on climate related issues.

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