

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2402
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th MARCH, 2023

PLANTATION WORKERS

2402. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

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

- (a) whether there is any data regarding the workers engaged in plantation work in the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

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

(a) & (b): State-wise details of estimated number of workers engaged in plantation works in the country for tea, coffee, rubber and small cardamom sectors are provided below:

Tea Sector:

S.No	State	Estimated number of Plantation workers
1	Assam	738211
2	West Bengal	333383
3	Tripura	10438
4	Arunachal Pradesh	3399
5	Sikkim	495
6	Meghalaya	116
7	Bihar	352
8	Himachal Pradesh	425
9	Mizoram	40
10	Uttarakhand	105
11	Manipur	0
12	Nagaland	70
13	Tamil Nadu	34955
14	Kerala	32200
15	Karnataka	2029
16	Uttar Pradesh	No tea plantations
	Total	1156218

Source: Tea Board

Coffee Sector:

S.No.	State	Estimated number of Plantation workers
1	Karnataka	5,17,708
2	Kerala	44,194
3	Tamil Nadu	31,260
4	Non Traditional Area	79707
5	NER Region	3002
	Total	6,75,871

Source: Coffee Board (Provisional)

Natural Rubber Sector

S.No	State	Estimated average daily employment in rubber plantations
1	Kerala	304000
2	Tamil Nadu	13300
3	Tripura	45600
4	Assam	29800
5	Karnataka	29500
6	Other States	28800
	Total	451000

Source: Rubber board

Small cardamom sector:

S.No	State	Estimated number of Plantation workers
1	Kerala	73500
2	Karnataka	21000
3	Tamil Nadu	10500
	Total	105000

Source: Spices Board
