GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1715 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

PLANTATION SECTOR

1715. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government proposes to provide a package to save the plantation sector in South India similar to Assam and Bengal;
- (b)if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c)the details of the plantations closed down or is under financial stress in the State of Kerala, including Idukki, if so, the details thereof during the last forty years;
- (d)whether the Government proposes to reopen the closed down plantations, including tea plantations and provide financial assistanc to the plantation labourers in Kerala State; and
- (e)if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

- (a) & (b): Welfare of labour and conditions of work in plantations are regulated by the Plantation Labour Act, 1951. Welfare measures for plantation workers are implemented by concerned State Government in line with the provisions of the Act.
- (c) to (e): As per Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, the following Tea Estates (T.E.) are presently closed in the State of Kerala including Idukki:
 - (i) Peermade & Lonetree T.E., Idukki, Kerala
 - (ii) Kottamala & Bonami T.E., Idukki, Kerala
 - (iii) Bonnacord T.E., Trivandrum, Kerala

The status of closed down tea gardens in Kerala along their current status is at Annexure-I.

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Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 1715 for 31.07.2023

Sl. No.	Name of the Tea Estates	State	District	Date of Closure	Current status
110.	Kottamala	Kerala	Idukki	October, 2002	Reopened on
1	&Bonami			,	11.06.2007
					Again closed on
					23.12.2013/
					11.10.2014.
2	Vagamon	Kerala	Idukki	09.06.2002	Functional
3	Mungyamullai	Kerala	Idukki	09.01.2005	Functional
4	Thengakal	Kerala	Idukki	10.01.2005	Functional
5	Pambanar	Kerala	Idukki	09.01.2005	Functional
6	Koliekanam	Kerala	Idukki	January, 2000	Functional
7	Pasumullai	Kerala	Idukki	January, 2002	Functional
8	Granby	Kerala	Idukki	31.01.2002	Functional
9	Mount	Kerala	Idukki	13.10.2000	Functional
10	Tungmullay	Kerala	Idukki	January, 2002	Functional
11	Nellikai	Kerala	Idukki	11.01.2005	Functional
	Bonaccord	Kerala	Trivandum	11.04.2007	Reopened
12					on
					03.12.2007
					Again
					closed on
					05.03.2015
13	Methanathu	Kerala	Idukki	12.11.2001	Functional
14	Vengakotta	Kerala	Wayanad	06.10.2004	Functional
15	Peermade & Lonetree	Kerala	Idukki	01.04.2016	Closed
