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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3890 (H) TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th DECEMBER, 2019

TEA PRODUCTION IN ASSAM

3890(H). SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

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

- (a) the State-wise percentage of contribution in tea production including the State of Assam at present;
- (b) whether the head office of the Tea Board of India is located in Kolkata, West Bengal and the tea producers, particularly of Assam have to face a lot of problems due to this reason;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to move the office of Tea Board of India to Guwahati or whether the Government has received any such request from various producers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल) THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): The State wise percentage of contribution in tea production, including the State of Assam, during 2018-19 is given in the following table:

	2018-19	
State	Production (M.Kgs)	% to Production
Assam	701.35	51.95
West Bengal	394.22	29.20
Other NE States	28.46	2.11
Tamil Nadu	160.15	11.86
Kerala	60.76	4.50
Karnataka	5.10	0.38
All India	1350.04	100.00

Source: Tea Board

(b) & (c): The Head Office of Tea Board is located in Kolkata, West Bengal. The tea producers of Assam are serviced by Zonal Office for North-East, set up at Guwahati, headed by Executive Director.

(d) & (e): No, Sir.
