

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1003  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021**

**PLANTATIONS OF WORKERS**

**1003. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:**

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that labourers in the rubber, tea and coffee plantations are leading a miserable life due to the collapse of price of produce and mismanagement of plantations and lack of Government support;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to identify the rubber, tea and coffee plantations which have been closed down and which are functioning nominally so as to mitigate the hardships of plantation labourers; and**
- (d) if so, the details and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

**(a) & (b):** The Government has not received any such representation from the trade unions or individual workers of the plantation sector i.e. tea, coffee and rubber.

In respect of tea, the plantation workers are paid wages as per the negotiated agreement between the producer associations and workers unions under the aegis of the respective State Government.

**(c) & (d):** In respect of Tea, there are 1569 tea gardens in the country and at present only 16 tea gardens are closed in the country and rest are functioning. The details of closed tea gardens along with current status is annexed. In case of closed Tea Gardens, the Government of India through Tea Board has been implementing "Tea Development & Promotion Scheme" during the Medium Term Framework period (2017-20), which has been extended upto 31.03.2021. Under this scheme, Rs.4000 are disbursed to the wards of workers of closed tea gardens as book & uniform grant. There is no proposal to identify plantations which have been closed down in respect of Rubber & Coffee Plantations.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1003. FOR 08.02.2021. REGARDING PLANTATIONS OF WORKERS.

Updated status of closed tea gardens in the country				
Sl. No.	State	Name of the T.E.	Area under Tea (Ha)	Date of Closure
1	West Bengal	Panighata	460.15	10.10.2015
2		Dheklapara	197.00	11.03.2006
3		Bundapani	530.00	13.07.2013
4		Dharanipur	265.00	21.10.2013
5		Redbank	369.00	19.10.2013
6		Surendranagar	172.00	19.10.2013
7		Madhu	323.00	23.09.2014
8		Birpara	1004.38	23.10.2019
9		Lankapara	758.45	16E Notified on 28.01.2016
10		Toorsa	482.30	20.10.2019
11		Dooteriah T E	444.92	09-06-19
12		Kalej Valley	235.56	09-06-19
13		Peshok	314.70	09-06-19
14	Kerala	Peermade&Lonetree	679.79	01.04.2016
15		Kottamala &Bonami T.E	677.51	23.12.2013/ 11.10.2014
16		Bonnacord	378.00	05.03.2015
		Total	6831.61	

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