

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4740
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH, 2021

PRODUCTION OF CHICORY COFFEE

4740. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI

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

- (a) the details of area under chicory coffee along with the average total annual production in the country during each of the last two years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to assist the farmers cultivating chicory coffee; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a): Chicory coffee does not fall under the definition of coffee provided in the Coffee Act 1942, as it does not come from a rubiaceous plant. Chicory is a woody, perennial, herbaceous plant of the dandelion family with the scientific name Cichorium Intybus. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare maintains data in respect of major cultivated crops. However, data on Chicory is not captured. In India, Chicory is mainly cultivated in Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat.

- (a) & (c) : At present, no such proposal is under consideration.
