

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 387**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TEA INDUSTRY**

\*387. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the details of the subsidies and financial assistance being provided to the tea industry during the last three years;
- (b) whether there are any pending subsidies from the Government, particularly to the tea growers in North Bengal districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduars;
- (c) if so, the details of the funds allocated for the welfare of tea garden workers and its utilisation status during the past three years;
- (d) the details of the assistance provided for small and independent tea growers and entrepreneurs; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to promote small growers and the details of the schemes run for them by the Government?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री ( श्री पीयूष गोयल )

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA  
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REGARDING “ FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TEA INDUSTRY”.**

**(a) to (c) :** Under the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme implemented by the Tea Board during the last three years (2018-19 to 2020-21), financial assistance (excluding Human Resource Welfare component) amounting to Rs 245.70 crore was provided to the eligible tea stakeholders for various activities like replantation/replacement, rejuvenation, irrigation, mechanization, orthodox tea production, setting up of tea factories, Self Help Groups(SHGs)/Farmer Producer Organisations(FPOs), value addition etc.

Tea Board has also implemented welfare activities under Human Resource Development (HRD) component of the “Tea Development and Promotion Scheme” during the last three years 2018-19 to 2020-21, aimed at improving the health and hygiene of workers, education of wards of workers and imparting training to improve skills for growers/workers. The fund allocation of Rs 11.32 crore towards the welfare of the tea garden workers and their wards/dependents during this period has been fully utilised covering 11,433 beneficiaries.

Tea Board disburses subsidies to eligible tea stakeholders as per budget provisions and approved scheme guidelines. Funds in all cases, where subsidy was sanctioned, have been disbursed. Hence there is no pendency including in North Bengal districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar.

**(d) & (e):** The TDPS Scheme being implemented by the Tea Board includes outlays inter alia for promoting small tea growers and addressing their special needs, particularly in the area of quality production through mechanization, establishing processing factories with special focus on enhancement of quality; organization of primary producer societies/self help groups, workshop & training , soil testing, organic certification , organic conversion and other measures aimed at safeguarding the quality of tea. Financial assistance of Rs.64.95 crore has been provided to small tea growers from 2017-18 to February, 2022). Technical assistance is also provided through workshops and training on field management practices to the small tea growers to move them up the value chain. Workshops on climate change for creating awareness amongst the small growers are also being organized . A Mobile App “Chai Sahyog” has been developed for use of various stakeholders including small tea growers for ensuring better communication, discovery of price, traceability, training requirement, weather forecast etc. To ensure remunerative prices for green leaf to the small tea growers District Green Leaf Price Monitoring Committee (DGLPMC) has been notified in all tea growing districts of India under the Chairmanship of District Collector/Deputy Commissioner. A separate Directorate under Tea Board, headquartered at Dibrugarh, Assam caters to the developmental needs of small tea growers.

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