

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1319
ANSWERED ON 11/02/2025

Status of Tea Gardens in India

1319. SHRI MANOJ TIGGA:

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

- (a) the details and the total number of Tea Gardens in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the total number of tea gardens currently operational in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the number of sick or weak Tea Gardens in the country, State-wise;
- (d) the details and the number of tea gardens in the country classified as sick or weak, State-wise;
- (e) the number of closed Tea Gardens in the country, State-wise;
- (f) the details and total number of tea gardens closed in the country during the last ten years, State-wise;
- (g) the details of Government initiatives for closed, sick or weak Tea Gardens, State-wise; and
- (h) the details of outline the initiatives and steps taken by the Government to uplift, revive and support closed, sick or weak tea gardens in the country, State-wise?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) & (b) The details of total tea gardens and the gardens currently operational in the country (state-wise) are attached as Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d) There is no specific definition for sick tea gardens as per Tea Act, 1953. A Garden is considered closed by the Tea Board on the basis of the report received from the concerned State Government.
- (e) Currently, there are 16 closed tea gardens (13 in West Bengal and 3 in Kerala) in the country.
- (f) The details of closed tea gardens in the country during last ten years (state-wise) are attached as Annexure-II.

(g) & (h) The major reasons for the closure of gardens are low productivity and workers issues. While the workers issues are under the purview of concerned State Governments, the Central Government through Tea Board implements the scheme 'Tea Development & Promotion Scheme' with the objective which *inter alia* include increasing productivity & quality of tea and welfare measures, under which there are provisions for providing book and uniform grants to the wards of workers of closed teastates & gardens affected by natural calamities and assistance for disabled and critically ill dependants of workers (kidney, heart, liver diseases and cancer) in closed tea gardens.

Annexure referred to in reply to Parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1319 for answer on 11.02.2025.

S. No.	State	Number of Tea Estates*	Number of Operational Tea estates
1	Assam	762	762
2	West Bengal	449	436
3	Tripura	52	52
4	Arunachal Pradesh	30	30
5	Himachal Pradesh	15	15
6	Bihar	7	7
7	Uttarakhand	6	6
8	Meghalaya	2	2
9	Manipur	1	1
10	Mizoram	1	1
11	Nagaland	1	1
12	Sikkim	1	1
13	Tamil Nadu	129	129
14	Kerala	95	92
15	Karnataka	16	16
18	Grand Total	1567	1551

Source: Tea Board

*as per the baseline survey conducted by the Tea Board in the year 2022.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1319 for answer on 11.02.2025.

Sl. No.	Name of the Tea Estate	State	Date of Closure	Whether Currently Closed
1	Kottamala & Bonami	Kerala	11.10.2014	Yes
2	Bonaccord	Kerala	05.03.2015	Yes
3	Peermade & Lonetree	Kerala	01.04.2016	Yes
4	Madhu	West Bengal	23.09.2014	No
5	Panighata		10.10.2015	Yes
6	Manabari		21.03.2016	No
7	Joybirpara		23.03.2016	No
8	Kumlai		15.11.2015	No
9	Rahimabad		05.01.2016	No
10	Dooteriah		09-06-19	Yes
11	Dheklapara		11.03.2016	Yes
12	Lankapara		--	Yes
13	Raipur		12.09.2016	Yes
14	Kalej Valley		09.06.2019	No
15	Peshok		09.06.2019	No
16	Rungmook /Ceders		24.04.2023	Yes
17	Moondakotee		24.09.2023	Yes
18	Chongtong		28.09.2023	Yes
19	Nagri		28.09.2023	Yes
20	Ambootia		10.10.2023	Yes
21	Raimatang		11.10.2023	No
22	Dalmore		15.10.2023	No
23	Dalsingpara		15.10.2023	Yes
24	Samsing		16.10.2023	No
25	Kalchini		01.11.2023	No
26	Ramjhora		01.11.2023	Yes
27	Bamandanga Tondoo		08.12.2023	No
28	Sonali		30.12.2023	Yes

Source: Tea Board

*Out of above 28 tea gardens, 12 re-opened.
