

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1593
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2025

TEA RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS

1593. SHRI AASHTIKAR PATIL NAGESH BAPURAO

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Government has recently opened any Tea Research Associations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names and locations of these associations and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) the number of tea factories currently operational in the country, State-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government is upgrading the tea tourism infrastructure in the country and if so, the details thereof?

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): Currently, there are 2 Associations, partly supported by the Tea Board, that cater to the research needs of the tea industry. These are:

The Tea Research Association (TRA), having its research institute at Jorhat, Assam
The Tea Research Foundation, United Planters Association of Southern India (UPASI-TRF), having its research institute at Valparai, Tamil Nadu.

Both TRA and UPASI-TRF have their advisory centres located across different belts of tea growing states and are looking after the R&D needs, imparting training to planters including small tea growers and carrying out knowledge dissemination to the tea industry. No new associations have been opened recently.

(c): Currently, a total of 1963 tea factories are operational in the country. The details of number of tea factories, State-wise, is attached as Annexure-I.

(d): The development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including tea tourism infrastructure is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Union Ministry of Tourism through its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation

Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' extend financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism infrastructure development including tea tourism infrastructure in the country. The projects undertaken for development by the Ministry are identified in consultation with State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/ Central Agencies and are sanctioned subject to submission of project proposals by them, their adherence to relevant scheme guidelines and submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports. The projects sanctioned under the above schemes are implemented by respective State Government/UT Administrations.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in Part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1593 for answer on 29.07.2025

State	Number of tea factories
Arunachal Pradesh	31
Assam	961
Bihar	12
Himachal Pradesh	46
Karnataka	11
Kerala	79
Meghalaya	11
Mizoram	1
Nagaland	12
Sikkim	1
Tamil Nadu	278
Tripura	22
Uttarakhand	8
West Bengal	490
Total	1963
