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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2666
ANSWERED ON 16/12/2025

PROGRESS OF THE TEA DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION SCHEME

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

- (a) the present status of the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme, including its major components and the progress achieved in Assam;
- (b) the number of small tea growers in Assam who have benefited under each component of the scheme during the last five years, along with details of the support provided; and
- (c) the key outcomes observed in Assam's tea sector following the implementation of the scheme, including any changes in productivity, quality or market access?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Tea Board is implementing the 'Tea Development & Promotion Scheme (TDPS)' across the country, including in the State of Assam. The scheme inter alia aims to increase the production and productivity of tea, improve quality of tea entering the markets, enhance exports, mobilize small tea growers into forming Self Help Groups and Farmer Producer Organizations (SHGs/FPOs) to enable them to move up the value chain, provide support for setting up of mini tea factories by SHGs/FPOs to make them self- sustainable and undertake capacity building programs. The TDPS scheme inter alia includes the following components:

- i) Plantation Development & Quality Upgradation
- ii) Tea Promotion and Market support
- iii) Technological Intervention
- iv) Research & Development
- v) Welfare and Capacity Building Measures

Under the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme, the key activities undertaken in the State of Assam during the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 (till 31.10.2025) inter alia include re-plantation of tea in 437.42 Ha area; formation of 318 SHGs, 143 FPOs & 26 FPCs; setting up of 31 mini tea factories; conversion of 30.32 Ha area of tea plantations into organic; setting up of 30 farm field schools and organization of 1343 capacity building programs. The export of Indian tea, which includes Assam Tea, has also grown from 716.86 million USD in 2020-21 to 923.89 million USD in 2024-25 with a CAGR of 6.55 %.

The details of the numbers of small tea growers who have been benefited under the scheme in last five years are attached as Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2666 for answer on 16.12.2025.

Details of number of Small Tea Growers in Assam who have benefitted from the scheme and support provided during 2021-22 to 2023-24:

Components (under which support was provided to Small Tea Growers)	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
	Rs. in Lakh	No. of Benefi- ciaries	Rs. In Lakh	No. of Benefi- ciaries	Rs. in Lakh	No. of Benefi- ciaries
Plantation Development for Small Tea Growers	433.93	20103	915.06	16717	1074.75	4991
Sector specific action plan for Niti Forum for North East	12.06	1081	110.68	68	348.86	168
Welfare of workers	1.57	19	111.48	1236	196.59	2079
Total	447.56	21203	1137.22	18021	1620.20	7238

Source: Tea Board

Details of number of Small Tea Growers in Assam who have benefitted from the scheme and support provided during 2024-25 to 2025-26:

Components (under which support is provided to Small Tea Growers)*	2024-25		2025-26 (till 31-10-25)	
	Rs. in Lakh	No of Beneficiaries	Rs. In Lakh	No of Beneficiaries
Plantation Development and Quality Upgradation	973.87	6778	1069.44	4534
Welfare & Capacity Building Measures	262.18	9924	205.18	2935
Total	1236.05	16702	1274.62	7469

Source: Tea Board
