

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4075

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PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION/EXPORT OF COFFEE

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of coffee in the country during each of the last three years, state-wise;
- (b) the quantity of coffee consumed in the country during the above period, year-wise;
- (c) the quantity of coffee exported during the above period and till date and foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (d) the estimated production of coffee likely to be achieved during the current year;
- (e) whether the Government propose to include coffee crop in the price support operations;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;
- (g) whether the Government propose to waive the loan of coffee growers due to steep fall in prices;
- (h) if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (i) the steps being taken by the Government to procure, store and export of coffee to create competition in the open market and also to safeguard the interests of domestic coffee growers from increasing trend of import of coffee ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (i) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to

(i) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4075 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH AUGUST, 2000 REGARDING PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION/EXPORT OF COFFEE

(a) The total production of coffee during the last three years is as under:

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Karnataka	1,58,650	1,82,900	2,09,100
Kerala	50,850	61,150	60,470
Tamil Nadu	16,500	18,300	19,400
Others	2,000	2,650	3,030
Total	2,28,000	2,65,000	2,92,000

(b) During the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, the quantity of coffee consumed in the country is estimated at 0.50 lakh tonnes, 0.53 lakh tonnes and 0.52 lakh tonnes respectively.

(c) The quantity of coffee exported and foreign exchange earned during the last three years is as under:

(Qty in Lakh Tonnes / Value in Rs. crores)

Year	Quantity	Value
1997-98	1.79	1708
1998-99	2.12	1752
1999-2000	2.44	1896
2000-01 (as on July 2000)	0.72	376

(d) The estimated production of coffee during 2000-01 is 2.95 lakh tonnes.

(e)-(f) The Government does not propose a support price mechanism for coffee as in the free market era, prices are primarily determined by the market forces. Further, unlike most of the agricultural crops which are under MSP mechanism, coffee is a perennial crop with long plant life and generally cultivated with high value crops like pepper etc.

(g)-(h) Coffee Board has waived penal interest to the extent of Rs.9.84 crores on developmental loans availed by coffee growers.

(i) Since 1996, Coffee trade has been liberalized and 100% free sale quota has been introduced, and Government does not procure or market coffee. In order to safeguard the interests of coffee growers, duty on import of coffee has been increased from 15% to 35%.