

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TEA PRODUCING STATES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the tea producing States in the country ;
- (b) the quantum of tea produced in each State during the last three years:
- (c) whether the production of tea has fallen during this period; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a)&(b): The traditional tea producing States in the country are Assam, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Tea is, however, produced in small quantities in some other States like Karnataka, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh etc. Production of tea during the last three years in the traditional tea producing States is as follows:

(Figures in m.kgs.)

NAME OF THE STATES	1999	1998	1997
ASSAM	414.13	460.78	425.43
WEST BENGAL	180.21	197.71	169.95
TAMIL NADU	128.09	125.08	130.59
KERALA	67.79	70.62	69.64
OTHER STATES	15.39	16.21	15.00
ALL INDIA	805.61	870.40	810.61

(estimated)

Source: Tea Board

(c)&(d): Production of tea registered substantial increase during 1997 and 1998 over the previous years. However, during the year 1999 production of tea registered an estimated decline of 64.79 mn.kgs over the previous year mainly due to severe drought during the first quarter of 1999 followed by floods in the later part of the year in some of the tea growing areas.