

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

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ON - FARM INVESTMENT IN COFFEE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Coffee Board has requested the Union Government for the need to revitalize on-farm investment in the sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Government to the request?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In order to enhance farm productivity and quality of coffee produced specially in the small grower sector, the Coffee Board has formulated a plan scheme viz. Support to Small Grower Sector for implementation during the 10th Plan period. The scheme, costing Rs. 36.20 crores, envisages providing financial incentives/subsidy for replanting and water augmentation, quality up-gradation and development and implementation of pollution abatement measures. The main objectives of the scheme are :

- to augment arabica production through new planting and replanting robusta blocks with arabica in suitable areas ;
- to enhance farm productivity in robusta farms through water augmentation;
- to improve processing standards at estate levels to ensure production of quality coffee ;
- to set up pollution abatement infrastructure (bio-reactor model) in the coffee farms to mitigate coffee effluent pollutants.

(c) The Govt. of India has already approved the said plan scheme of the Coffee Board having an outlay of Rs. 36.20 crores for implementation during the 10th Plan period.