

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:895
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2006
EXPORT FROM NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified horticulture including tea and handicraft products as thrust areas for exports from the North Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the production export of these items from each of the North Eastern States during each of the last three years and current year; and
- (c) the steps taken and being taken by the Government to identify export destinations for these items and to promote their export?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) Yes Sir, these items are considered as thrust areas for exports.
- (b) A statement is Annexed.
- (c) Several measures to boost the export of horticulture and handicraft products and tea through the respective trade promotion organizations/councils are being taken. These measures include promotional activities in the foreign markets and also lending promotional support to North Eastern exporters in their marketing efforts, in addition to central assistance being provided from the Assistance to States for Development of Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (b) of Unstarred Question No.895 to be answered on 01.08.2006 regarding "Export from North Eastern States"

Available details regarding production export of horticulture, tea products from the North Eastern States are as under:-

A. Tea Production/Export from North Eastern Region:-

(Production and Export in million kgs)
Name of the State 2003 2004 2005 2006 Jan-May)
Prod'n. Export# Prod'n. Export# Prod'n. Export# Prod'n. Export#

Assam	434.76	435.65	474.14	92.12				
Tripura	8.58	7.17	7.32	0.56				
Manipur	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.01				
Arunachal Pradesh	1.74	2.22	2.25	0.17				
Nagaland	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.01				
Meghalaya	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.01				
Mizoram	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.00				
Sikkim	0.11	0.15	0.15	0.01				
Total	445.66	74.00	445.66	81.00	484.33	73.00	92.89	17.00

#Estimated and based on trade information.

\$Provisional and subject to revision.

B. Export of Horticulture Products from North Eastern Region:-

(Rs.in lakh)
Name of the State Exports

2003 2004

Assam	150.43	182.61
Tripura	34.82	36.26
Manipur	1518.59	
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-
Nagaland	-	-
Meghalaya	27.64	31.47
Mizoram	-	-
Sikkim	-	-
Total	1761.48	250.34