

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STUDY FOR LONG TERM STRATEGY FOR PLANTATION SECTOR

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to undertake a study to frame a long term strategy for plantation sector as reported in Business Line dated July 11, 2006;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Having reviewed the performance of the Plantations Sector recently, the Government is commissioning a study to assess the long term international competitiveness of the plantation industries, namely, tea, coffee, rubber and spices and to address the problem of senile plantations.