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

- (a) the area of land on which coffee is being presently grown in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to extend the area under coffee cultivation by replanting coffee; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial package being considered for replanting coffee?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) : The area of land under coffee presently is about 3.81 lac hectares.

(b) : The Government has been encouraging replanting by replacing old unproductive coffee bushes to increase productivity of existing plantations and by new planting in non-traditional areas.

(c) : Incentives for re-plantation of coffee is one of the components of Support to Small Growers Sector (SSGS) in the Xth Plan. This Scheme has also been extended to the growers having 10 to 20 Ha. For re-plantation, subsidy is being given to the extent of 20% of the total cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 20,000 per ha. The Coffee Board have included planting of 90,000 ha. of senile coffee blocks with high yielding varieties in its Xlth Plan proposals.