

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

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PRODUCTION OF CASH CROPS H  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and other Asian countries producing Rubber, Tea and other cash crops propose to form an association/organisation on the lines of the oil producing countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (c) : India is already a member of various Inter-Governmental organisations viz. Inter-Governmental Group on Tea, International Coffee Organisation, Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries, International Pepper Community etc., set up for bringing together major producing and consuming countries of tea, coffee, natural rubber, pepper etc. for the purpose of exchanging views and debating on policy issues on these commodities.