

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:164  
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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF PLANTATION CROPS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the production and domestic consumption of plantation crops, particularly tea and coffee in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, crop and State/UT-wise;
- (b) the quantum and value of export and import of tea and coffee during the said period, country-wise;
- (c) the share of India in total world production of plantation crops, particularly tea and coffee;
- (d) whether there has been decline in production and export of plantation crops, particularly tea/coffee and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to boost production and export of plantation crops, particularly tea/ coffee including financial assistance/ package drawn for the sector to boost production?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 164 FOR ANSWER ON 18TH JULY, 2014 REGARDING "PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF PLANTATION CROPS "

(a) : State-wise and crop-wise production of plantations crops, namely tea, coffee, rubber and spices during the last three years and the current year are detailed in Annexure-I. Domestic consumption of these crops during the last three years and the current year are detailed in Annexure-II. State-wise data of domestic consumption are not maintained by the Government.

(b) : Quantum and value of export and import of tea and coffee during last three years in respect of major destinations and origin countries are given in Annexure-III and Annexure-IV respectively.

(c): Share of India in total world production of tea, coffee, rubber and spices was 25 percent (in 2013), 3.65 percent (in 2012-13), 7 percent (in 2013) and 31 percent (in 2012-13) respectively.

(d): The total production and export of plantation crops in the last three years is shown below:

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14			
	Production	Export	Production	Export	Production	Export
Tea (Million Kgs)	1095	214	1135	216	1209	226
Coffee (Tonnes)	314000	333180	318000	299286	304500	312625
Rubber (Tonnes)	903700	27145	913700	30594	844000	5398
Spices (Tonnes)	6324920	575270	5801114	726613	5833870	817250

Production and exports of tea during the last three years have grown. Coffee production declined in 2013-14 due to adverse weather conditions such as rising temperatures coupled with unpredictable and erratic rainfall, but, coffee exports have shown increase. Production of natural rubber declined during 2013-14 due to prolonged and excessive rainfall and the consequent incidence of leaf diseases. Natural Rubber (NR) is not exported in large quantity as India's consumption of rubber is larger than domestic production. Export of spices has shown a steady increase despite a marginal decline in the total production compared with 2011-12.

(e) : Government has taken measures to boost the production and export of plantation crops through the Plantation Commodity Boards for tea, coffee, rubber, and spices which provide financial and technical assistance to the growers and the industry for new

planting, replanting, rejuvenation, quality up-gradation, value addition and market promotion. The schemes to promote export of plantation crops envisage providing assistance for participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, buyer-seller meets, brand promotion, public relation campaigns and export of value added products.