

Sl.No.	Name of TE	Workers' dues including wages (Rs. in lakhs)	PF dues (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Dheklapara	90.72	72.92
2	Ringtong	Gratuity due since 1990	Not deposited since 1992-93

(d) The Dheklapara tea estate was auctioned by Hon'ble High Court of Kolkata but the highest bidder failed to take over the garden. Subsequently, pursuant to orders of the Hon'ble Court, a status report has been submitted to the Court. The Ringtong T.E. is involved in protracted litigation.

Steps to reduce export cost of articles

1716. SHRI O. T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to reduce the export costs of various articles in recent times;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A Task Force on Transaction Cost was set up by Ministry of Commerce and Industry in October, 2009 to assess the procedural bottlenecks affecting India's exports and imports and to look into various issues affecting the competitiveness of Indian exports and to suggest remedial measures to reduce transaction cost and thereby facilitate exports. Task Force has 44 recommendations concerning various Ministries/Departments. 23 recommendations have been implemented resulting in reduction of approximately Rs. 2100 Crore of Transaction Cost.

(c) Does not arise.

GIs registered in the country

1717. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the detailed list of GIs (Geographical Indications) registered in India in 2009-10?