

है। मैं आपको बताना चाहता हूँ कि अभी तक तो कई किसानों को यह रिलीज़ हो चुका होगा। यह एक नियमित और निरंतर प्रक्रिया है। यह राज्यों की तरफ से अपलोड होता है। उसका सत्यापन करने के बाद, उसमें जो mismatch होता है, उसे हम फिर से राज्यों को भेजते हैं और फिर से सत्यापन होने के बाद इनको मिल जाता है।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Q.No. 290, Shri P. Bhattacharya. Questioner is not present. Shri Jairam Ramesh.

\* 290. [The questioner was absent]

#### **Special package for small tea growers**

\*290. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has proposed or planned any special package for small tea growers of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes new schemes to attract the youth of this country, as it is employment-generating, helps in afforestation and self-supporting;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the different measures being taken to increase the total tea production of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SOM PARKASH): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Statement**

(a) and (b) The Tea Board under the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme (TDPS) is implementing special packages for the small tea growers for North East, Idukki (Kerala), Kangra (Himachal Pradesh) and Uttarakhand. In addition, Tea Board is extending financial assistance to the small tea growers for replanting, rejuvenation, pruning, irrigation, assistance to Self Help Groups (SHGs), field mechanization, assistance to Farmers' Producers Organizations (FPOs), annual award for SHGs & FPOs, setting up of new factories by FPOs, setting up of mini factories, workshop/training, development and promotion of organic farming/organic conversion, etc.

The financial assistance provided under the special package in last two financial years is given in the following table:

Name of the Special Package	₹ in lakhs)	
	2017-18	2018-19
Special Package for North East	113.24	18.75
Special Package for Idukki District (Kerala)	324.34	37.32
Special Package For Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhnad States	49.13	89.46
TOTAL	486.71	145.53

*Source:* Tea Board

(c) and (d) The tea Industry is a labour intensive sector. As per baseline survey conducted by the Tea Board, there are approximately 1.13 million workers engaged in tea plantation. Under the TDPS, vocational training programmes are organized for skill development and self-employment of dependents of workers. Short term training for acquiring skills like plumbing, masonry, electrical /TV repair, carpentry, construction of sanitary units, mobile banking, computer literacy etc. are also conducted

(e) In order to increase the production of tea in the country, the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme is implemented by the Tea Board. The main activities of the Scheme, *inter alia*, includes replantation, rejuvenation, field mechanization, factory modernization, quality certification and workers welfare.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: Sir, in the last 20 years, small tea growers have grown in importance, particularly, in Assam, and North Bengal, which account for about seventy per cent of India's tea production. Sir, from the reply given by the Minister, I was a little intrigue that there are special packages for tea growers everywhere except the North Bengal, the Dooars area. The Dooars contribute about 75 per cent of India's tea production. My question to the hon. Minister is: why is there no special package for small tea growers in North Bengal? Sir, Assam accounts for almost 50 per cent of tea production and the total allocation for the North East is hardly four crore of rupees. As a proportion of the total Budget for the Tea Board, it is a small proportion.

SHRI SOM PARKASH: Sir, special assistance has been given to West Bengal. It is ₹ 5.78 crore and it is included in the Special Assistance Programme.

SHRI RIPUN BORA: Sir, this question is regarding small tea growers. Sir, in Assam, there are thousands and thousands of small tea growers. As per the answer given by the Minister, the Government has given special package for the entire North Eastern Region. There are seven States. For these seven States, in 2017-18, the assistance was ₹ 113 lakhs, whereas, in the years 2018-19, only ₹ 18.75 lakhs have been given. Sir, this amount is very, very insignificant. My question to the hon. Minister is: will the hon. Minister increase the allocation to benefit thousands and thousands of small tea growers? It is totally insignificant, Sir.

SHRI SOM PARKASH: Sir, the assistance given to tea growers in Assam is ₹8,85,00,000 and the assistance given to other States is separate from this. The total assistance given is ₹20,45,00,000.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH: Sir, encouraging the MoS is very good, but occasionally the Cabinet Minister could also answer. ...*(Interruptions)*...

#### कुशल और प्रशिक्षित प्रशिक्षकों की कमी

\*291. श्री हरनाथ सिंह यादव: क्या कौशल विकास और उद्यमशीलता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) कौशल विकास योजना के अंतर्गत विभिन्न उद्योगों अथवा क्षेत्रों में अनुमत्य पाठ्यक्रमों की संख्या कितनी है और कौन-कौन से पाठ्यक्रम चलाए जा रहे हैं;

(ख) क्या कौशल विकास केन्द्रों में विभिन्न पाठ्यक्रमों हेतु कुशल और प्रशिक्षित प्रशिक्षकों की कमी है; और

(ग) क्या कौशल विकास योजना के अंतर्गत संचालित मौजूदा प्रशिक्षण केन्द्रों हेतु कुशल प्रशिक्षक तैयार करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कोई कार्य योजना बनाई गई है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कौशल विकास और उद्यमशीलता मंत्री (डा. महेन्द्र नाथ पाण्डेय): (क) से (ग) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

(क) कुशल भारत मिशन के अंतर्गत सरकार अल्पावधि और दीर्घावधि प्रशिक्षण के जरिए युवाओं को नियोजनीय कौशल प्रदान करने के लिए विभिन्न स्कीमें कार्यान्वित कर रही है। ये पाठ्यक्रम राष्ट्रीय कौशल अर्हता ढांचा (एनएसक्यूएफ) जो प्रशिक्षण के मानक और गुणवत्ता को बनाए रखने लिए क्षमता आधारित ढांचा है, के अनुरूप हैं। अल्पावधि और दीर्घावधि प्रशिक्षण के अंतर्गत