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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2124(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th AUGUST, 2021

TEA PRODUCTION IN UTTARAKHAND

2124(H). SHRI ANIL BALUNI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is mulling over expansion of Tea production in Uttarakhand, keeping in view the fact that it is being grown in the State since more than hundred years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government is contemplating any special programme or policy for expansion of Tea gardens in Uttarakhand, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b): The Uttarakhand Tea Development Board set up by the Government of Uttarakhand is mandated for the overall development of the tea sector in the state of Uttarakhand. The State Government has reportedly identified some areas in Almora, Pauri, Pithoragarh, Champawat, Uttarkashi, Nainital districts for tea expansion programme. The Central Government, through the Tea Board, is implementing the “Tea Development and Promotion Scheme (TDPS)” for promotion of the Tea Sector in India including the state of Uttarakhand. The scheme, inter alia, includes activities for improvement in tea production, productivity, quality up-gradation, research and extension, promotion of exports and value addition by providing financial and technical assistance to growers and other stakeholders of the tea industry. A total amount of Rs.2.73 Crore has been spent from 2017-18 to 2021-22 (till June 2021) for the tea sector in the State of Uttarakhand. More emphasis is being given on quality improvement of tea, cluster formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to move them up value chain, extending assistance to the small growers, setting up of mini tea factories, for small tea growers (STGs)/ SHGs to turn them entrepreneur. The Tea Board is imparting training and conducting workshops for the small tea growers on tea husbandry, good agricultural practices, capacity building of small growers.
