

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *23
ANSWERED ON 04/02/2025

TEA RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS

*23. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently opened any Tea Research Associations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names and locations of these associations and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of tea factories currently operational in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government is upgrading the tea tourism infrastructure in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में मंत्री
(श्री पीयूष गोयल)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA
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REGARDING “TEA RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS”.**

(a) & (b) Currently there are 2 Associations, partly supported by the Tea Board, that cater to the research needs of the tea industry. These are:

- (i) The Tea Research Association (TRA), having its research institute at Jorhat, Assam
- (ii) The Tea Research Foundation, United Planters Association of Southern India (UPASI-TRF), having its research institute at Valparai, Tamil Nadu.

Both TRA and UPASI-TRF have their advisory centres located across different belts of tea growing states and are looking after the R&D needs, imparting training to planters including small tea growers and carrying out knowledge dissemination to the tea industry. No New Associations have been opened recently.

(c) Currently, a total of 1963 tea factories are operational in the country.

(d) Tea Board, under the Department of Commerce, Govt. of India is implementing the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme for the overall development of the tea sector. Further, the Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India promotes various destinations across India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives. As part of the ongoing activities and promotion of various tourism destinations and products, including tea estates, are taken up. Additionally, the State Governments of major tea producing states also promote tea tourism through their policies / schemes.
