

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: - Views/Observations/Comments on the Proposal for amendment of Tea Act, 1953.

In order to have control over tea industry pursuant to International agreements, Union of India enacted Tea Act, 1953. Since its enactment the Tea Act has undergone several changes. However, the Law Commission in its 159th report has accepted the suggestion of the Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Commerce to consider amendment of those acts being administered by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and Tea Act, 1953 is one of those Acts. As a follow up action, the Tea Board in its 223rd Board meeting approved the proposal for amendment of Tea Act, 1953 to be sent to the Ministry. The Board also took into account the views of all the Stake Holders and the final proposal which has been sent to the Ministry has been uploaded on the website i.e. www.teaboard.gov.in under the heading 'Notices'.

2. The amendment, inter-alia, proposes to delete those archaic provisions which have become irrelevant in today's context and introduce new functions/powers of the Board so that the Board can regulate the development, promotion and research in tea industry and tea trade and help in improving production, export and quality of Indian Tea.

3. Now, it has been proposed to invite views/comments/suggestions from individuals/organizations who are interested in this regard.

4. Those desirous of submitting views/comments/suggestions may send their written comments/views/suggestions either in Hindi or English to the *Secretary, Tea Board, 14, B. T. M. Sarani, Kolkata-700001, Email- secytboard@gmail.com* within fifteen days of publication of this notice.

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Secretary (I/C)