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Tea Board of India

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Why is in news? Tea Board seeks ₹1,000 crore for next 5 years for industry

The origin of the Tea Board can be traced to **1903** when the **Indian Tea Cess Bill** was passed to provide for levying a cess on tea exports. The proceeds of the cess were to be **used for the promotion of Indian tea both within and outside India.**

The Tea Board is set up under the **Tea Act 1953**. It has succeeded the **Central Tea Board and the Indian Tea Licencing Committee** which functioned respectively under the **Central Tea Board Act, 1949** and the **Indian Tea Control Act, 1938 which were repealed.**

The Tea Board is functioning as a **statutory body** of the Central Government under the Ministry of Commerce.

The Board is constituted of **31 members** (including Chairman) drawn from Members of Parliament, tea producers, tea traders, tea brokers, consumers, and representatives of Governments from the principal tea producing states, and trade unions .

The Board is **reconstituted every three years.**

Functions:

The Tea Board India is responsible for the **assignment of certification numbers to exports** of certain tea merchants. This certification is intended to **ensure the teas' origin, which in turn would reduce the amount of fraudulent labelling on rare teas.**

The Tea Board India's tasks include endorsement of the diverse production and productivity of tea, financial support of research organisations and the monitoring of advances in tea packaging as it relates to health beneficial aspects.

It coordinates research institutes, the tea trade and government bodies, ensuring the technical support of the tea trade in the global industry.

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