

## 2012/10/24 Economy and Government policies:

Qn. The recasting of commodity boards by Government of India on plantation is a step in the right direction and must not be delayed. Explain.

Ans India ranks 4th in tea exporting countries and have domestic demand of 80% within country, is governed by Tea Act of 1953. The Government proposal to amend act with Tea (promotion and development) Act (2022) is contains provision which industry have been seeking.

Provisions of Tea (promotional and development) Act:

- 1) change of function: The commodity boards which once licensing power changed to promotional, sale, branding body.
- 2) They help in value adding, providing easy sale of commodity, e-commerce etc.
- 3) Boards also promote economic scientific technical research by collecting data.

4) The boards will be headed by CEO & helped by financial officer, thus economic and profit making function also given to boards.

Why Recasting of Boards are value adding?

- The provisions are meant to promote ease of doing business and make industry commercially successful.
- The griping power of boards are removed and given to states so that commercialisation and of cash crops can be easily done.

Limitations of Act:

Registration of Growers to board will overburden them as they are previously registered under various Acts.

The export remains a key aspect of industry and determine its viability. The act is done to meet current needs of industry and to allign with Global practices. Recasting of Boards will help in achieving ~~good~~ export targets so it should be delayed.