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## **Rs 6cr to settle dues of small tea growers**

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Udhagamandalam: Indcoserve, the apex body of 16 industrial cooperative (Indco) tea factories in the Nilgiris, has sanctioned Rs 6 crore to settle the pending payments to the small tea growers for their green leaf tea that they had supplied.

In a press note, the chief executive officer of Indcoserve said the huge arrival of green tea leaves in the district had pushed them to produce more tea, which couldn't be sold as expected. "The price fetched was also poor. As a result, nine Indco factories could not settle the green leaf tea prices to the small tea growers for the month of May and June."

Since the Indco factories were struggling to settle the outstanding dues to the small tea growers, Indcoserve has pitched into help both of them by sanctioning Rs 6 crore, it said.

The Indco factories that would benefit from the move are Karumbalam, Merkkunadu, Mahalinga, Ithalar, Pandalur, Frontier, Kinnakorai, Ebbanadu and Bitherkadu. Tnn