**Abstract**

Nilgiri tea is well known for its rich taste and colour. Being an agricultural plantation crop and a major revenue generator, tea cultivation has become a lucrative profession in the Nilgiris that has very few business opportunities and plays a vital role in improving the socio-economic condition of the region. This study aims at identifying the constraints faced by the small tea growers in nilgiri district. The study is focused on factors that influence the tea growers to involve in tea cultivation, problems faced by small tea growers and satisfaction level of small tea growers.