GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 86(H) TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th JULY, 2017

DOMESTIC DEMAND OF TEA

86(H). SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the domestic demand of tea has substantially increased in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the domestic consumption of tea during each of the last three years and current year;
- (c) whether the international demands of tea and its prices in the domestic and foreign markets have gone up due to increase in the domestic demand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The estimated domestic demand of tea has been growing at the rate of Compounded Annual Growth Rate(CAGR) of 2.2% over the years. The details of the estimated domestic consumption of tea in India during each of the last three years is given in the following Table:

(Quantity in Million Kgs)*

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
932	951	973

^{*} Based on ORG India Limited study

(c)& (d):International demand of tea and its prices in the domestic and foreign markets depends inter alia on market preferences and supply-demand situation both in the international and domestic markets.

^{**} Data for current year (2017-18) not available.