

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2089
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st JANUARY, 2018

NEW MARKET FOR INDIAN TEA

2089. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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

- (a) whether India is aiming to break new ground in its tea exports with an entry into Chile where it had already taken a delegation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether currently Indian presence in tea trade is virtually non-existent in Chile and the market is presently covered by Argentina and Sri Lanka with some retraded teas also being sent from some European countries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether India has offered concessions to Chile and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Yes, Madam. Chile is an important potential market for Indian Tea exporters. Steps have already been taken for exploring the same through mounting a Tea Trade delegation in the month of June 2017.

(b): Chile has a tea import market of about 20.86 M. kgs (2016). It is primarily an Orthodox market with Argentina having a market share of 48.79% (10.18 M. kgs) followed by Sri Lanka with 33.90% (7.07 M. kgs). The Indian tea exports has been negligible to this region.

(c): No, Madam.
