

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2707(H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**TEA PRODUCTION**

2707(H). SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

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

- (a) the total production of tea in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether an increase has been registered in production of tea during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the contribution of small tea producers in the total tea production;
- (c) whether there has been an increase in the amount of tea sold through auction along with the auction price of tea and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the tea gardens of North India led by Assam have been able to increase their production which compensated the decrease in the production of tea in South India, which produces one-third of the tea crop in India; and
- (e) 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) & (b): The total production of tea in the country and the contribution from small tea growers has seen to have an increasing trend over the last three years. Details are given below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Production (M.Kgs.)</b>	<b>Contribution of Small Growers (%)</b>
2014-15	1197.18	32.95
2015-16	1233.14	33.85

2016-17	1250.49	44.01
2017-18* (Apr to Jan)	1207.07	46.83
2016-17 (Apr to Jan)	1180.74	43.67

\*Provisional

(c): Yes, Madam. There has been an increase in the amount of tea sold through auction as well as the average auction price. Details are given below.

Year	Quantity (M. KGs)	Average auction price (Rs. Per Kg)
2012-13	512.40	127.91
2013-14	531.08	126.12
2014-15	553.02	125.59
2015-16	536.08	127.62
2016-17	557.03	133.51
2017-18 * (Apr to Jan)	537.22	135.38

\*Provisional

(d) & (e): Increase in production is equally attributed to Assam and West Bengal in North India which compensated the decrease in production of tea in South India. The details regarding region-wise production of tea in the country is given in the following table:

(Qty. in M.Kgs.)

Year	Assam	West Bengal	Others	Total North India (2)+(3)+(4)	Total South India	All India
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
2012-13	588.14	287.32	17.92	893.38	241.69	1135.07
2013-14	629.05	312.10	23.92	965.07	243.71	1208.78
2014-15	606.80	324.26	24.76	955.82	241.36	1197.18
2015-16	652.95	329.70	25.91	1008.56	224.58	1233.14
2016-17	657.24	357.39	28.48	1043.11	207.38	1250.49
2017-18 * (Apr to Jan)	632.08	345.74	23.84	1001.66	205.41	1207.07
2016-17 (Apr-Jan)	635.78	336.30	27.51	999.59	181.15	1180.74

\*Provisional

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