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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2128
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th DECEMBER, 2018

TEA PRODUCTION, IMPORT AND EXPORT

2128. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

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

- (a) the details of production and domestic consumption of tea in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the quantum and value of export and import of tea during the said period, country-wise;
- (c) the share of India in world production and export of tea along with the share of various States/UTs therein, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether there has been a decline in the production and export of tea and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of financial assistance provided by the Government to tea growers particularly to small tea growers of Assam during the said period; and
- (f) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to boost the production and export of tea?

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): The details of production and domestic consumption of tea in the country (State/UT-wise) during each of the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure-1.
- (b): The details of quantum and, value of export and import of tea during each of the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure-2.
- (c): The details regarding share of India in world production and export of tea along with the share of various States/UTs is given in Annexure-3.
- (d): During 2017-18, India achieved a high in both production and export. During the current year, 2018-19 (upto October, 2018), Indian tea export is marginally lower by 2.34 M Kgs while there was a short fall of production by 13 M Kgs as compared to corresponding period of last year. Tea production was lower during the current fiscal year due to adverse

climatic conditions noticed in the major tea producing States of West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Thereasons for decline in tea exports are attributable to lower imports and consumption in USA, higher production in African countries and availability of excess supply.

(e): The details of financial assistance extended to growers during the last three years and the current year (upto 30.11.2018) under the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme is given in the following Table:

Financial year	Financial assistance (Rscrs)
2015-16	126.85
2016-17	101.39
2017-18	118.91
2018-19 (upto 30.11.2018)*	34.78
Total	381.93

*provisional

Source: Tea Board

The details of financial assistance extended during the last three years and the current year (upto 30.11.2018) to the small growers of Assam under the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme is given in the following Table:

Financial year	Financial assistance (Rscrs)
2015-16	3.83
2016-17	3.28
2017-18	3.28
2018-19(upto 30.11.2018)*	2.53
Total	12.92

*provisional

Source: Tea Board

(f): The Central Government, through Tea Board, is implementing “Tea Development and Promotion Scheme (TDPS)” which inter alia, includes activities for improvement in tea production, productivity, quality up-gradation, research and extension, promotion of exports and value addition through provisions of financial and technical assistance to growers and other stakeholders of the tea industry. The objectives of the scheme is to bring about improvement in tea production, productivity, value addition, change of product mix, welfare measures for tea garden workers and their wards, capacity building of small growers to move up in the value chain, imparting training to the small tea growers etc.

In order to increase export of Indian tea in the international market, focused and sustained initiatives are taken up which, inter alia, includes arranging buyer-seller meets, effecting exchange of trade delegations, participating in international trade fairs and undertaking generic promotion of Indian Brands in key markets.

Table-1 (Production of Tea in India)

State/UT	Production in M Kgs			
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 * (Apr to Oct)
Assam Valley	605.31	607.18	628.91	525.61
Cachar	47.64	50.06	47.40	38.28
Total Assam	652.95	657.24	676.31	563.89
Dooars	185.39	204.26	221.50	167.39
Terai	135.47	145.17	163.07	115.15
Darjeeling	8.84	7.96	3.29	6.78
Total West Bengal	329.70	357.39	387.86	289.32
Others	25.91	28.48	27.23	22.91
Total North India	1008.56	1043.11	1091.40	876.12
Tamil Nadu	161.49	143.67	164.40	109.07
Kerala	56.63	58.61	63.88	36.98
Karnataka	6.46	5.10	5.37	3.25
Total South India	224.58	207.38	233.65	149.30
Total All India	1233.14	1250.49	1325.05	1025.42

*Provisional and subject to revision

Source: Tea Board

Table-2 (Domestic consumption of tea in India as estimated at the end of the financial year*)

Year	Domestic Consumption (in M Kgs)
2015-16	951
2016-17	973
2017-18	1066
2018-19	To be Estimated

Source: Tea Board

* State/UT-wise consumption data is not maintained by the Tea Board.

Annexure-2**Table-1 (Country-wise Tea Exports from India)**

Country Name	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19 (Apr-Oct)*	
	Qty (M.Kgs.)	Value (Cr.₹)	Qty (M.Kgs.)	Value (Cr.₹)	Qty (M.Kgs.)	Value (Cr.₹)	Qty (M.Kgs.)	Value (Cr.₹)
Russian Fed	48.23	670.57	45.21	683.38	48.10	777.17	25.36	390.86
Ukraine	3.21	45.03	12.09	228.41	9.74	177.15	2.22	33.08
Kazakhstan	10.20	271.36	3.28	48.64	3.75	56.24	6.02	112.64
Other CIS	1.28	30.04	1.21	22.66	1.50	29.19	0.89	18.85
Total CIS	62.92	1017.00	61.79	983.09	63.09	1039.75	34.49	555.43
United Kingdom	20.02	410.90	24.24	632.82	31.19	778.61	9.52	212.87
Netherlands	3.31	82.11	18.84	390.61	21.63	427.47	2.36	90.54
Germany	10.53	262.76	11.13	113.69	16.09	147.94	5.18	153.14
Ireland	1.98	70.18	16.06	316.14	16.07	324.19	1.00	55.40
Poland	6.14	86.51	14.61	405.63	13.23	363.27	3.20	57.49
U.S.A	14.03	364.61	5.20	58.58	12.69	174.40	5.64	177.41
Canada	2.22	64.73	10.79	262.01	10.42	246.20	0.82	30.01
U.A.E	16.15	333.65	6.09	113.49	9.00	154.08	8.57	174.48
Iran	22.13	571.81	5.38	83.72	6.25	96.79	15.72	386.63
Saudi Arabia	3.23	77.37	3.72	90.30	4.50	106.51	2.35	59.48
Egypt (ARE)	3.08	30.80	3.70	97.03	4.26	99.85	5.37	71.34
Afghanistan	1.20	13.90	2.87	41.25	4.08	52.11	0.42	9.76
Bangladesh	9.49	83.88	3.29	140.02	3.70	147.80	1.14	16.20
China	4.79	93.18	2.36	93.55	2.65	102.17	5.44	95.32
Singapore	0.44	11.23	3.39	134.49	2.55	90.90	0.72	17.71
Sri Lanka	1.86	28.65	2.95	87.74	2.50	67.47	2.24	28.73
Kenya	2.69	27.51	1.01	14.77	1.05	15.43	0.10	2.33
Japan	3.27	139.82	0.96	20.03	0.95	16.95	2.30	90.68
Pakistan	19.37	192.61	0.49	13.14	0.51	14.17	8.87	87.71
Australia	3.47	119.51	7.20	77.46	0.46	5.86	1.33	50.14
Other countries	20.60	410.38	21.56	462.94	29.70	592.96	18.38	391.69
Total	232.92	4493.10	227.63	4632.50	256.57	5064.88	135.16	2814.49

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Source: Tea Board

Table-2 (Country-wise Import of tea into India)

Country Name	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19 (Apr-Oct)*	
	Qty (M.Kgs)	Value (Rs.Crs)	Qty (M.Kgs)	Value (Rs.Crs)	Qty (M.Kgs)	Value (Rs.Crs)	Qty (M.Kgs)	Value (Rs.Crs)
Argentina	0.23	2.01	1.00	9.80	0.79	6.86	0.52	4.87
China	0.20	4.25	0.30	6.18	0.31	7.07	0.14	2.13
Germany	0.04	1.52	0.21	3.51	0.02	0.85	0.01	0.4
Indonesia	0.64	10.68	0.67	7.99	0.51	5.13	0.07	0.82
Iran	0.36	3.58	0.20	1.65	0.81	7.96	0.45	3.22
Kenya	3.30	73.37	3.57	70.17	2.65	58.75	0.8	19
Malawi	0.45	6.68	0.41	5.75	0.21	3.37	0.19	2.83
Malaysia	-	-	-	-	0.01	0.06	0.02	0.1
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	0.02	0.15	-	-
Myanmar	0.02	0.48	0.02	0.48	-	-	-	-
Nepal	11.71	118.08	11.59	137.53	12.05	154.65	11.32	139.06
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	0.02	0.32	-	-
Singapore	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.49	3.77
South Africa	-	-	-	-	0.01	0.11	-	-
Sri Lanka	0.18	6.61	0.19	7.63	0.10	5.45	0.05	2.32
Taiwan	0.00	0.05	-	-	0.01	0.28	0.02	0.25
Tanzania	0.06	0.90	-	-	0.03	0.37	0.15	2.14
U.A.E	0.04	0.50	0.03	0.15	0.35	2.65	0	0.37
U.S.A	0.41	4.56	1.12	13.19	0.86	10.57	0.43	8.9
Uganda	0.01	0.14	0.02	0.30	-	-	-	-
United Kingdom	0.60	8.93	0.75	11.69	0.91	14.33	0.45	8.79
Vietnam	0.09	0.99	1.45	13.22	0.71	6.74	0.05	0.62
Zimbabwe	0.09	1.15	0.07	0.95	0.21	2.89	0.28	4.14
Total	18.43	244.48	21.60	290.19	20.59	288.56	15.44	203.73

*Provisional, subject to revision.

Source: Tea Board

India is at 2nd position in terms of world tea production with 23% share while in export it stands at 4th position with 14% share. The details of production share of the States/UTs during 2017-18 is given below:

Tea Production Share (State/UTs)

State	Production share over all India
Assam	51.04
West Bengal	29.28
Tamil Nadu	12.41
Arunachal Pradesh	0.84
Tripura	0.66
Kerala	4.82
Karnataka	0.41
Meghalaya	0.04
Nagaland	0.09
Bihar	0.35
Sikkim	0.01
Himachal Pradesh	0.06
Total	100.00

* Tea Production share of Mizoram and Uttarakhand are negligible.

** The tea is mostly blended before it is exported, as such the origin (State/UT-wise) is lost in the process. Hence the data pertaining to the export share of the States and UTs are not maintained by the Tea Board.
