

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1014
ANSWERED ON 26/07/2023

ASSAM TEA

†1014. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

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

- (a) the names of the countries where Assam tea has been exported during the last five years;
- (b) the reasons for not getting fair price for Assam tea;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the activities of many tea plantations have stopped due to non-receipt of fair price and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether many small tea factories are being set up in Assam, especially in the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) area, due to which the quality of tea is deteriorating;
- (e) whether any steps are being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the number and names of such small tea factories in BTC as on date?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) Tea Board collects exports data from the registered exporters as per the Tea (Distribution & Export) Control Order, 2005. Tea export data based on port of shipment is captured and country-wise detail of tea exports from Inland Container Depot (ICD), Amingaon in Assam during the last 5 years is given in Annexure-I.
- (b) The price of tea depends on demand and supply. The auction price of Assam tea has grown @ 6.4% CAGR over last 5 years. A comparison of average auction price of Assam tea vis-à-vis All India average price of tea during the last five years is given below:

Years	Assam Auction Price (Rs./Kg)	All India Auction Price (Rs./ Kg)
2018-19	158.87	140.26
2019-20	157.06	137.65
2020-21	226.85	196.97
2021-22	200.42	171.21
2022-23	217.14	180.14

(c) No report has been received by the Tea Board that activities of tea plantations have stopped due to non-receipt of fair price.

(d) to (f) During the last 3 years, 18 mini tea factories have been established in Assam, out of which 4 are in Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) area. There are total 12 mini tea factories in BTC area. The names of mini tea factories in BTC area are given in Annexure - II. No reports regarding deterioration of quality due to setting of mini tea factories has been received. Some of the mini tea factories produce specialty teas of high quality.

Country-Wise Detail Of Tea Exports From Inland Container Depot (ICD), Amingaon In Assam

Countries	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
	Qty (Th. Kg)	Qty (Th. Kg)	Qty (Th. Kg)	Qty (Th. Kg)	Qty (Th. Kg)
AZERBAIJAN	43	0	0	0	0
BELGIUM	11	0	0	0	12
CANADA	229	91	0	0	47
CHINA	265	356	70	0	0
GERMANY	322	370	58	90	112
HONGKONG	0	0	0	0	46
INDONESIA	0	0	23	92	0
IRELAND	900	949	901	1146	875
JAPAN	215	424	60	66	0
KENYA	0	24	24	0	0
MALAYSIA	0	0	8	0	0
NETHERLANDS	287	225	39	210	158
NIGERIA	45	0	0	0	0
PAKISTAN	542	0	0	0	0
POLAND	402	516	855	650	569
RUSSIAN FED	68	70	44	23	0
SAUDI ARABIA	249	110	21	102	40
SRI LANKA	328	23	0	68	9
U.A.E	5211	2242	2212	1627	2280
U.S.A	1027	695	105	215	437
UNITED KINGDOM	5426	4366	4290	4018	4690
Grand Total	15570	10461	8710	8307	9275

Annexure II

Mini Tea Factories in BTC area

S.NO.	Name of Mini Tea Factory
1	Toppo Bibhuti Tea Growers Firm
2	Bidinha Basumatary
3	Baukhungri Organic Tea Industry
4	Rwdwmsha Tea Producer Company Ltd.
5	Swmkhwr Valley Tea Producer Compay Ltd
6	Green Valley Stg
7	Rwdwmkhang Tea Producer Company Ltd
8	Swmkhwr Tea Factory
9	Gwrlwi Bilai Stg Society
10	Aronai Tea Factory
11	Alice Orthodox Black And Green Tea Processing Unit
12	Organic Tea Industry
