

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2289
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th MARCH, 2020

TEA EXPORT FROM INDIA

2289. DR. SUBHAS SARKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has data on the quantity of tea exported from different States including West Bengal during each of the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal or has planned any special package for small tea growers of the country especially in the States of West Bengal and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the different measures being taken by the Government to increase the total tea production in the country?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Tea Board collects exports data in the form of returns from the registered exporters under Tea (Distribution & Export) Control Order. State-wise export data is not collected as majority of the tea is exported by Merchant Exporters who blend the tea for export purpose s.

However, Indian tea exported from different ports of West Bengal vis -à-vis All India during the last three years and the current financial year is given in the following Table:

Year	Exports from West Bengal Ports		All India Exports	
	Qty (in M.Kgs)	Value (Rs.Crs)	Qty (in M.Kgs)	Value (Rs.Crs)
2016-17	114.07	2512.23	227.63	4632.50
2017-18	133.10	2861.64	256.57	5064.88
2018-19	131.52	3113.74	254.50	5506.84
2019-20 (Apr-Dec)*	95.44	2345.39	184.63	4191.79
2018-19 (Apr-Dec)	96.28	2281.68	190.84	4088.01

*Provisional, subject to revision

Source: Tea Board, Kolkata

(b)&(c): The Tea Board under the ongoing Tea Development and Promotion Scheme (TDPS) extends financial assistance to the small tea growers across the country including the State of West Bengal for replanting, rejuvenation, pruning, irrigation, assistance to Self Help Groups (SHGs), field mechanization, assistance to Farmers' Producers Organizations (FPOs), annual award for SHGs & FPOs, setting up of new factories by FPOs, setting up of mini factories, workshop/training and development & promotion of organic farming/organic conversion, etc. During the financial years 2017-18 to 2019-20 (upto Dec, 2019), the Tea Board has disbursed Rs.6.97 crores for the benefit of small tea growers in West Bengal under different small growers activities.
