

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2756**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 04<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**TEA INDUSTRY**

2756. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Tea Industry is operated through a special auction system;
- (b) if so, the procedure of auction in different tea producing States;
- (c) the details and the number of brokers in the auction centres across the country; and
- (d) the quantum of tea produced and imported to the country, State/UT-wise?

**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) & (b): Auction of Tea in India is operated through Pan India e-auction platform with 7 auction centres, and the newly established Jorhat auction platform. Auctions are conducted as per the procedure and rules framed by Tea Board. The rules are displayed on the web-site of the Tea Board, <http://www.teaboard.gov.in>. The auction rules for Pan India e-auction platform are uniform both in North and South Indian auction centres except lot size, divisibility etc. which are dependent on availability of tea in North India and South India. Auctions on the Jorhat Auction Platform are governed by a separate set of rules wherein no brokers are involved.
- (c) There are 25 brokers involved in the Pan India e-auction platform. No broker is involved in the Jorhat auction platform.
- (d) The details of tea produced State/UT-wise during the year 2020-21 is given in the Annexure-I. State wise data of import is not maintained. The details of country wise import for the year 2020-21 is given in Annexure-II.

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**Annexure-I**

## State/UT wise Production of Tea

Million Kgs.

| State             | 2020-21 |
|-------------------|---------|
| Assam             | 626.23  |
| West Bengal       | 396.05  |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 10.81   |
| Bihar             | 6.33    |
| Himachal Pradesh  | 1.09    |
| Meghalaya         | 0.43    |
| Nagaland          | 1.52    |
| Sikkim            | 0.07    |
| Tripura           | 8.21    |
| Uttarakhand       | 0.06    |
| Tamil Nadu        | 160.04  |
| Kerala            | 66.85   |
| Karnataka         | 5.34    |
| All India         | 1283.03 |

## Country wise import of tea into India

| Origin         | Million Kgs<br>2020-21 |
|----------------|------------------------|
| ARGENTINA      | 0.79                   |
| AUSTRALIA      | 0.05                   |
| CHINA          | 0.53                   |
| INDONESIA      | 0.93                   |
| IRAN           | 0.06                   |
| KENYA          | 9.50                   |
| MALAWI         | 0.24                   |
| MOZAMBIQUE     | 0.55                   |
| MYANMAR        | 0.02                   |
| NEPAL          | 10.74                  |
| RWANDA         | 0.08                   |
| SOUTH AFRICA   | 0.04                   |
| SRI LANKA      | 0.40                   |
| TANZANIA       | 0.33                   |
| TURKEY         | 0.02                   |
| U.A.E          | 0.07                   |
| U.S.A          | 0.19                   |
| UGANDA         | 0.05                   |
| UNITED KINGDOM | 0.32                   |
| VIETNAM        | 2.18                   |
| ZIMBABWE       | 0.18                   |
| TOTAL          | 27.27                  |

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