

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4522**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**IMPACT OF RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR ON TEA EXPORT**

4522. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that Russia-Ukraine war has subdued export demand, especially to Russia and Ukraine, for orthodox leaf teas and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Russia alone imports over 20% of the total tea exports from the country and the lion's share of the export is being routed through the Kochi port;
- (c) if so, the details including the share of exports to Ukraine;
- (d) whether the Government is taking any initiative to find new market for Indian tea;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether the soaring freight rates which reached an all-time recent high, has also hurt the exporters and if so, the details in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): The Impact of Russia-Ukraine war on export demand can be assessed only after the situation stabilize.

(b) & (c): Share of Russia and Ukraine in India's total tea export during April 2021 to February 2022 was 11.86% and 0.65% respectively. The major share of tea export is through Kolkata.

(d) & (e): Department of Commerce closely work with all stakeholders to promote export including Tea.

(f): High freight rates are affecting exports, however, our exporters have achieved highest ever record of merchandise export during the current financial year (2021-22) in spite of high rates.

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