GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:696 ANSWERED ON:21.02.2003 EXPORT OF TEA ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum and value of tea exported to different countries particularly to Russia during the last three years, variety-wise and country-wise;
- (b) the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby during the above period;
- (c) whether exports of orthodox tea is suffering due to inadequate production;
- (d) whether Government are aware of idle capacity of about 20 million kgs. of orthodox tea in South India;
- (e) whether Government are considering to provide WTO compatible export promotion subsidy to orthodox tea with proof of exports;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a)&(b) The details of major country wise export of tea in terms of quantity and value terms during the last three years are given below:-

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(Quantity in Million Kgs) (Value in Rupees Crores)
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Name of the Country 2000 2001 2002 (January to November) (estimated)

Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value

Russian Federation 85.87 621.30 66.88 468.83 40.22 250.11 Other CIS Countries 9.15 92.81 15.33 156.82 12.02 119.10 Iraq 10.87 77.02 16.86 112.36 40.25 260.62 United Arab Emirate 22.13 260.42 23.35 293.59 24.00 281.48 United Kingdom 20.93 204.84 16.10 145.85 18.73 171.55 United State of America 7.47 99.21 6.18 92.83 6.49 88.62 Poland 12.53 68.35 8.27 52.00 6.19 33.11 Germany 4.57 87.63 4.18 71.89 4.42 78.90 Others 33.30 387.03 25.44 287.94 22.98 199.73

Total 206.82 1898.61 182.59 1682.11 175.30 1483.22

Variety wise export of tea to different countries is not being maintained.

- (c) & (d): Yes sir.
- (e) & (f): Government/Tea Board have introduced during the last quarter of 2001-02, an export incentive scheme for assisting tea exporters towards meeting part of the cost of handling, packaging, transport/freight charges and value-addition costs, in order to

achieve a perceptible increase in the quantity of tea export. A sub scheme of assistance was also introduced during the same period towards meeting additional transport and handling charges incurred for teas exported through Inland Container Depot at Amingaon (Assam). These subsidy schemes are being continued in the 10th Five Year Plan.

(g): Does not arise.