

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF IRAQ WAR ON TEA EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Iraq war had inflicted adverse effect on export of country's tea exports;
- (b) if so, the loss suffered in terms of rupees as a result of war;
- (c) whether export of tea has started again after the war; and
- (d) if so, the quantity of tea being exported now and the quantity of tea that was being exported before the war?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The value of tea exports from India to Iraq has declined by about Rs.82.09 crores during the period January - May 2003 as compared to the value of export of Rs. 87.02 crores in the corresponding period of 2002.

(c)&(d) : There has been no export of tea from India to Iraq during April and May 2003. The details of export of tea from India to Iraq are given below: -

Year Quantity Value (Rs. in Crores)
(in million Kgs)

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|-------------------|-------|--------|
| 2000-2001 | 13.34 | 93.90 |
| 2001-2002 | 25.32 | 160.03 |
| 2002-2003# | 33.47 | 222.41 |
| January-May, 2003 | 0.70 | 4.93 |
| January-May, 2002 | 14.59 | 87.02 |

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