

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

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TEA EXPORT TO PAKISTAN  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India`s tea export to Pakistan jumped nearly 73% to 6.4 million kg in 2003 from 3.7 million kg in 2002;
- (b) whether any concrete steps are being considered to further improve tea export to Pakistan in 2004;
- (c) whether any target has been set for tea exports to Pakistan during 2004; and
- (d) other countries where tea exports is improving during 2004?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): In the medium term export strategy formulated by the Tea Board, Pakistan has been identified as a market for Indian tea export. The exchange of delegations to and from Pakistan are encouraged. The Indian Tea Association had taken a tea producers` delegation to Pakistan from 19th May to 22nd May 2004 in order to boost the export of Indian tea to Pakistan. A formal Memorandum of Understanding was signed during this visit to the effect that tea imports from India would reach a level of 25 million kg over the period 2004-05 to 2006-07 subject to competitiveness of price and quality.

(c): No specific target has been set for export of tea to Pakistan during 2004.

(d): As per the provisional figures of exports available for the period from January to April 2004, export of tea from India registered an increase mainly to United Kingdom, Netherlands, Germany, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Iran, Iraq, Arab Republic of Egypt, Afghanistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Japan and Australia.