

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

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EXPORT OF TEA

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

- (a) whether there has been any decline in export of tea during last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith tea exported, country-wise, quantity-wise and vlaue-wise;
- (c) whether Tea Board of India has launched any promotion campaign for Indian tea in the international market;
- (d) if so, the details of the promotion campaign and events organised in this connection during 2003-04 and 2004-05 alongwith the countries where such events have been organised;
- (e) whether Government propose to launch such promotion campaign in some more countries during 2005-06 including Pakistan;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether tea meant for international trade is to be certified by Tea Board as per new Tea control order;
- (h) if so, would this trade be regulated by foreign trade policy; and
- (i) measures taken to make the tea control order transparent and tea trade hurdle free?

Answer

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

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): Details of major country-wise exports of tea during the last three years along with quantity and value of exports are given in Annexure.

(c): Yes Sir.

(d): During 2003-04 and 2004-05, Tea Board participated in 25 and 21 overseas fairs and exhibitions, buyer seller meets, etc. Other special campaigns have been held in various countries such as U.K., France, Australia and Germany.

(e): Yes Sir.

(f): Tea Board has proposed to participate in 27 events during 2005-06 for promotional purposes abroad. In addition, special promotional campaigns have been proposed in U.K., France, Germany, Australia and U.S.A. An Indian Tea Association led trade delegation will be visiting Pakistan shortly.

(g) & (h): The new Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 stipulates that all tea consignments meant either for imports or exports would have to undergo a certification procedure whereby the quality of tea and the country of its origin would be determined and displayed. The Tea Board would be the nodal agency of the certification exercise. The non-preferential Certificate of Origin in respect of each consignment of tea exports would be issued by the Tea Board or any of its designated agencies. Consequential changes have also been effected in the Handbook of Procedures under the Foreign Trade Policy. In case of tea, specific provision has been made indicating that all exporters who are required to submit certificate of origin (non-preferential) shall apply to Tea Board or any inspection agency authorized by the Tea Board.

(i): Provisions of the Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 are being given wide publicity and also put up in the Tea Board's official website for information of the exporters, importers and others. Different Inspection Agencies at different locations are also being approved by the Tea Board for undertaking inspection and issue of certificate of origin.

Annexure

(Quantity in million kgs; value in rupees crores)

S. No. Country 2001-02 2002-03 2003-04

Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value

1	Russian Federation	61.88	420.96	46.41	302.74	42.76	274.10
2	UAE	25.79	315.46	24.73	291.45	25.70	280.84
3	UK	16.86	151.56	19.57	177.80	20.75	177.12
4	Iraq	25.32	160.03	33.47	222.41	14.27	87.41
5	Kazakhstan	12.48	129.00	12.85	129.64	13.07	120.96
6	USA	6.07	91.05	7.64	108.19	8.45	110.76
7	Pakistan	2.61	13.05	3.54	20.46	6.54	28.95
8	Kenya	0.78	3.82	0.58	2.26	6.48	27.39
9	Poland	8.67	52.59	6.40	33.95	5.71	33.01
10	Germany	4.41			72.50	4.81	90.53
11	Australia	0.95	9.35	1.41	21.20	4.49	70.69
12	Afghanistan	0.44	3.58	0.65	4.42	4.41	21.53
13	Japan	2.04	43.80	2.27	45.54	3.52	74.65
14	Netherlands	3.46	42.31	2.60	35.23	3.39	39.14
15	Ireland	2.99	39.24	2.44		37.45	2.55
16	Sri Lanka	1.12	9.89	1.33	12.23	2.23	16.46
17	Canada	0.86	8.37	1.09	10.93	1.69	16.31
18	Iran	1.44	15.21	1.35	10.65	1.63	10.23
19	Ukraine	3.05	28.67	2.36	18.01	1.49	10.29
20	Singapore	0.43	4.31	0.54	4.64	1.44	10.16
21	Others	8.36	81.04	8.35	85.19	7.37	82.28
	Total	190.01	1695.79	184.39	1664.92	183.07	1636.99