

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:120  
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TEA EXPORT TO LIBYA  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Libya has opened its doors for import of Indian tea;
- (b) if so, the details of total export of tea from India prior to levy of ban by Libya; and
- (c) total tea likely to be exported to Libya this year?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): No tea was exported from India to Libya during 2001-02 to 2003-04 in view of a dispute which arose on the quality of tea exported to Libya during 2000-01. Details of tea exports to Libya prior to 2001-02 are given below :-

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

1997-1998	1.65	5.99
1998-1999	6.98	76.54
1999-2000	1.40	9.63
2000-2001	2.23	15.14

(c): According to available information, contracts have been signed for export of 3 million kgs of tea to Libya during 2004-05.