

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:147

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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF TEA

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

- (a) the details regarding total production, demand for domestic consumption and export of tea in the country during the last three years and the current year, separately;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the possible huge deficit in global tea production in the near future;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the share of the Indian tea in the world market has declined during the last three years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government including financial assistance/package to tea growers to boost export of tea?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

a)to f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 147 FOR ANSWER ON 8TH MARCH 2010 REGARDING "PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF TEA"

(a) : The details regarding total production, demand for domestic consumption and export of tea in the country during the last three years and the current year are as under:-

(Quantity in Million Kgs.)  
Production Imports Exports Estimated (+) or (-)  
Domestic  
Consumption

2006 981.80 23.81 218.73 771 15.88

2007 986.43 15.99 178.75 786 37.67

2008(E) 980.82 20.28 203.12 802 (-) 4.02

2009(E) 979.00 25.46 191.49 819 (-) 6.03

(E) Estimated and subject to revision

(b) and (c) : No, Madam. Though there is a slight decline in the estimated global supply of tea in the year 2009, but it will exceed the global demand. Food and Agriculture Organisation (F&AO) of the United Nations has estimated that the surplus will continue in the medium term outlook though the surplus may come down. This medium term projection is subject to variation as tea being an agricultural crop, its production would vary from year to year depending upon the weather conditions in different tea producing countries.

(d) and (e) : The share of the Indian tea in the world tea production has shown mixed trend during the last three calendar years. The

share of the Indian tea in the world production marginally declined from 27.43% in 2006 to 25.78% in 2008 but has increased to 26.03% in 2009. The production in India has declined mainly due to un-favourable climatic conditions which led to stagnation of the level of productivity of tea.

(f) : Government of India through Tea Board, Kolkata is taking various steps to boost the export of tea which include conducting promotional activities in the foreign markets and also lending promotional support to Indian Tea exporters in their marketing efforts.