

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TEA INDUSTRY

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

- (a) the details of the tea exported to Arab countries and Pakistan, value-wise and country-wise, alongwith the revenue generated from it;
- (b) whether the tea companies have been relieved due to the cooling of Arab tension recently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is proposed to double the export of tea to Pakistan by 2015 from the present levels; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): The details of country-wise exports of Tea to the Arab countries and Pakistan during the calendar year 2010 are as under :-

Name of the country	2010 Qty. (Th.Kgs.)	Value (Th.Rs.)
UAE	22151	3377040
Iran	15241	2607484
Iraq	5961	649118
Egypt	5811	518918
Saudi Arabia	2870	419056
Yemen	900	70295
Kuwait	462	92124
Qatar	444	81767
Jordan	413	49903
Muscat	215	37103
Bahrain	209	42904
Syria	173	23148
Libya	47	6284
Lebanon	7	2124
Pakistan	20351	1269576
Total	75255	9246844

(b) & (c): In Iraq and Egypt, tensions have eased and basic working conditions and commercial operations are gradually returning to normalcy. In Iran, after a whole year of uncertainty, there is progress in the new Rupee L/C trade and it is expected to bring back confidence. In Syria, uncertainty continues to prevail due to political turbulence, while in Libya, the economy is in shambles. In both these countries, it may take some time for investment climate to improve.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The MOU signed between Indian Tea Association (ITA) and Pakistan Tea Association (PTA) on 10th April, 2012 in Kolkata envisages doubling of export of tea to Pakistan by 2015 from the present level and aims at increasing the volume of Tea export from India to Pakistan from 24 m. kg. in 2011 to 50 m. kg. in 2015.