

<i>Offices (Abroad)</i>	<i>India based</i>
London	3
Brussels	3
Sydney	2
New York	1
Cairo	4
Kuwait	3
Total	16

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Production and Export of Tea

2708. SHRI E. S. M. PAKEER MOHAMED:
DR. LAKSHMINARAYAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of tea produced during 1989-90;

(b) the total quantity along with variety of tea exported to various countries;

(c) the foreign exchange earned through these exports;

(d) whether the domestic price of tea was affected during that year;

(e) the steps Government propose to take to stabilise the price of tea in the domestic market; and

(f) the export target for tea fixed for 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREE-DHARAN): (a) The total amount of tea produced in India during 1989-90 is estimated at 702.81 M. Kgs.

(b) and (c) As per the Tea Board statistics, the total quantity along-with variety of tea exported to various

countries and foreign exchange earned is given below:—

	<i>Qty. M. Kgs.</i>	<i>Value Rs./Crs.</i>
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Bulk Tea	112.41	426.59
Packet Tea	+88.54	419.66
Tea Bags	+0.71	6.10
Instant Tea	1.25	10.10
Total	202.81	862.45

+Based on shipment licences issued.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) To stabilise the prices of tea in the domestic market, the following steps have been taken by the Govt:—

(i) A Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of Spl. Secretary has been set up to monitor tea prices and suggest necessary measures.

(ii) Tea producers have been asked to maximise their offerings of tea in all the auction centres.

(iii) Producers have been asked to make available 10 M. Kgs. of tea to be sold in packet form through retail outlets in the country at a price of about Rs. 40/- per kg. plus local taxes.

(f) The export target for tea during 1990-91 has been kept at 230 M. Kgs.

Loans advanced by Champaran Kshetriya Gramin Bank

2709. SHRI DHARMESH PRA-SAD VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans advanced by the Champaran Kshetriya Gramin Bank in East and West Champaran districts of Bihar during each of the last three years;