

India records highest ever tea production during the financial year 2015-16; exports breach 230 million kgs mark after 35 years

Kolkata, June 17: India recorded total tea production of 1233.14 million kgs during the financial year 2015-16, which is the highest ever recorded by the country so far. As compared to 2014-15, the total tea production registered an increase of 35.96 million kgs which is 3% more than last year.

Indian tea achieved another milestone during the financial year 2015-16 when it registered export figures of 232.92 million kgs valued at Rs. 4493.10 crore, breaching the 230 million kgs mark after 35 years. During 1980-81, India had exported 231.74 million kgs. Prior to that, during 1976-77 and 1956-57, India exported 242.42 and 233.09 million kgs respectively.

As compared to the financial year 2014-15, the quantity of tea exports increased by 33.84 million kgs (17%), while in value terms, the increase is by Rs. 669.46 crore (17.51%).

Increase of tea exports were registered mainly to Russia, Iran, Germany, Pakistan, Bangladesh, UAE and Poland.

The increase in production of tea was mainly attributable to North India where increase in production is by 52.74 million kgs (5.52%). However, South India's production declined by 16.78 million kgs (-6.95%) due to adverse climatic conditions and labour issues in Kerala.

The all-India production of tea estates increased by 1.62%, while the production of the Bought Leaf Factory (BLF) sector increased by 5.81%, which indicates increase of small tea growers' share in production. Thus, about 33.85% of the total tea production is being contributed by small growers. Among the major tea growing states, the share of small growers to the production is highest in Tamil Nadu (53.16%) followed by West Bengal (40.4%) and Assam (27.55%).

CTC tea production constitutes 90.93% of the total tea production at 1121.35 million kgs, increasing by 23.19 million kgs, compared to last year. Orthodox production constitutes 7.51% at 92.60 million kgs, increasing by 8.47 million kgs as compared to last year, while green tea production constitutes 1.56% and stood at 19.19 million kgs, increasing by 4.30 million kgs.

The average price realisation and quantity sold at tea auctions throughout India also registered an increase of 8.05% and 17.82% respectively as compared to the last financial year. Quantity sold in North India auction centres increased by 39.31% with an increase of 3.27% in average price realised while quantity sold in South India auction centres increased by 26.22% with an increase of 29.01% in average price realised. It may be noted that the Tea Board has introduced the provision of selling of at least 50% tea produced by the registered manufacturers through the auction system by its notification dated 1st October 2015.

The details on tea production, tea exports and tea auction prices are given below:

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PRODUCTION DURING 2015-16 VIS-À-VIS 2014-15:

REGION	2015-16			2014-15			Incr/Decr in %		
	Est	BLF	Total	Est	BLF	Total	Est	BLF	Total
NORTH INDIA	680.09	328.47	1008.56	656.32	299.50	955.82	3.62	9.67	5.52
SOUTH INDIA	135.62	88.96	224.58	146.36	95.00	241.36	-7.34	-6.36	-6.95
ALL INDIA	815.71	417.43	1233.14	802.68	394.50	1197.18	1.62	5.81	3.00

Est – Estates

BLF – Bought Leaf Factories

STATEWISE PRODUCTION DURING 2015-16 VIS-À-VIS 2014-15 (Qty.in M.Kgs)

State	2015-16	2014-15	Incr/Decr	in %
Assam	652.95	606.80	46.15	7.61
West Bengal	329.70	324.26	5.44	1.68
Tamil Nadu	161.49	167.42	-5.93	-3.54
Kerala	56.63	67.20	-10.57	-15.73
Karnataka	6.46	6.74	-0.28	-4.14
Others	25.91	24.76	1.15	4.64
ALL INDIA	1233.14	1197.18	35.96	3.00

CATEOGRY WISE PRODUCTION DURING 2015-16 VIS-À-VIS 2014-15 (Qty.in M.Kgs)

Category	2015-16	2014-15	Incr/decr	in %
CTC	1121.35	1098.16	23.19	2.11
Orthodox	92.60	84.13	8.47	10.07
Green	19.19	14.89	4.30	28.89
Total	1233.14	1197.18	35.96	3.00

TEA EXPORTS DURING 2015-16 VIS-À-VIS 2014-15

Period	Quantity (M.Kgs)	Value (Rs.Crs)
2015-16	232.92	4493.10
2014-15	199.08	3823.64
Increase/Decrease	33.84	669.46
Incr/Decr in %	17.00	17.51

MAJOR COUNTRYWISE EXPORTS IN 2015-16 VIS-À-VIS 2014-15

Country Name	2015-16		2014-15		Inc/ Dec in %	
	Qty (M.Kgs.)	Value (Cr.□)	Qty (M.Kgs.)	Value (Cr.□)	Qty	Value
Russian Fed	48.23	670.57	39.40	582.28	22.41	15.16
Germany	10.53	262.76	7.28	215.44	44.64	21.96
Poland	6.14	86.51	4.15	63.17	47.95	36.95
U.A.E	16.15	333.65	13.41	269.06	20.43	24.01
Iran	22.13	571.81	18.14	478.51	22.00	19.50
Pakistan	19.37	192.61	15.20	125.12	27.43	53.94
Bangladesh	9.49	83.88	5.03	38.25	88.67	119.29
Others	100.88	2291.31	96.47	2051.81	4.57	11.67
Total	232.92	4493.10	199.08	3823.64	17.00	17.51

QUANTITY OF TEA SOLD & PRICES AT AUCTION IN 2015-16 VIS-À-VIS 2014-15:

Period	North India		South India		All India	
	Qty (Th.Kgs)	Price (Rs/Kg)	Qty (Th.Kgs)	Price (Rs/Kg)	Qty (Th.Kgs)	Price (Rs/Kg)
2016-17 (Apr-May)	38558	147.84	18632	104.39	57190	133.68
2015-16 (Apr-May)	27677	143.16	25254	80.91	52931	113.46
Increase/Decrease	10881	4.68	-6622	23.48	4259	20.22
Incr/decr in %	39.31	3.27	-26.22	29.01	8.05	17.82