

Tea Exports increase by 7.25% while production is marginally less

Kolkata, December 16: Tea exports have registered a 7.25% increase quantitatively and 4.2% increase in terms of value during 2015-16 (April-October) as compared to the corresponding period last year.

The provisional tea exports data released by Tea Board of India has pegged tea exports at 119.25 million kgs valued at Rs. 2318.07 crore during 2015-16 (April-October), while the export during the corresponding period last year was 111.19 million kgs valued at Rs. 2224.54 crore.

As per Tea Board data, increase of tea exports has been seen in major tea-importing countries like Russia, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Germany, Poland, UAE, Iran, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Meanwhile, tea production registered a marginal decline of 6.62 million kgs (-0.69%), decreasing from 953.59 million kgs during the period April-October 2014-15 to 946.49 million kgs during the period April-October 2015-16.

This decline was mainly attributable to the fall in South India's production from 155.8 million kgs during the period April-October 2014-15 to 148.58 million kgs during the corresponding period this year.

At the same time, North India's production increased marginally by 7.22 million kgs (0.08%) from 797.79 million kgs during the period April-October 2014-15 to 798.39 million kgs during the corresponding period this year.

An important point to note in the above data is that the production of Bought Leaf Factories (BLF sector) increased by 1.52% on an all-India basis, which indicates an increase of small tea growers' share in the total production.

This increase was mainly attributable to the rise in the BLF sector's production in North India from 242.14 million kgs during the period April-October 2014-15 to 249.23 million kgs during the corresponding period this year.

South India's BLF sector production saw a fall of 3.81% from 155.8 million kgs during the period April-October 2014-15 to 148.58 million kgs during the corresponding period this year.

The quantity of tea sold at Auction centres all over India saw a marginal increase of 0.5% but the average price realised during the auctions fell by 3.1% on an all-India basis during 2015-16 (April-October) as compared to the corresponding period last year.

The detailed data on tea production, tea exports and tea auction prices is given below:

PRODUCTION DURING 2015-16 (Apr-Oct):

- Provisional production data during the period stands at 946.97 M.Kgs., a marginal decline of 6.62 M.Kgs (-0.69%)
- North India production increased marginally by 0.60 M.Kgs (0.08%) while South India decreased by 7.22 M.Kgs (-4.63%)

Break-up Production Estate Vs. BLF sectors

Region	Apr to October					
	2015-16 (E)			2014-15		
	Est	BLF	Total	Est	BLF	Total
NORTH INDIA	549.16	249.23	798.39	555.65	242.14	797.79
SOUTH INDIA	87.23	61.35	148.58	92.02	63.78	155.8
ALL INDIA	636.39	310.58	946.97	647.67	305.92	953.59

- Estate production in North India is declined by 1.17% while in South India it decreased by 5.21%. On All India the Estate production decreased by 1.74%.
- Bought Leaf sector in North India increased by 2.93% while it is declined in South India by 3.81%. On All India, the BLF sector increased the production by 1.52%, which indicates increase of small growers' share in production.

- State wise production details are available for the above period in Board's website for public notice.

TEA EXPORTS

Provisional Tea Exports during 2015-16 (Apr-Oct) is seen at 119.25 M.Kgs., with FOB value of Rs. 2318.07 Crs.

Period	Quantity (M.Kgs)	Value (Rs.Crs)
2015-16 (Apr-Oct)	119.25	2318.07
2014-15 (Apr-Oct)	111.19	2224.54
Incr/Decr in %	7.25	4.20

- Quantity of tea exports increased by 7.25% and value by 4.20%
- Increase of tea exports is seen in major countries like Russia, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Germany, Poland, UAE, Iran, Bangladesh and Pakistan.
- Details of increase in exports to major countries.

Country Name	2015-16 (Apr-Oct)		2014-15 (Apr-Oct)	
	Qty (M.Kgs.)	Value (Cr.₹)	Qty (M.Kgs.)	Value (Cr.₹)
Russian Fed	26.42	353.41	22.74	346.58
United Kingdom	11.05	231.34	10.68	213.94
Netherlands	1.76	48.84	1.51	55.63
Germany	5.42	158.20	4.51	149.37
Poland	2.91	38.99	2.18	34.68
U.A.E	7.87	162.10	6.83	139.21
Iran	9.43	238.59	8.60	231.65
Bangladesh	3.87	29.28	0.53	4.73
Pakistan	9.64	93.24	8.15	69.47
Other countries	40.88	964.08	45.46	979.28
Total	119.25	2318.07	111.19	2224.54

- Major Country wise export details are available for the above period in Board's website for public notice.

TEA AUCTION PRICES:

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)
2015-16 (Apr-Oct)	223411	148.48	90403	78.59	313814	128.35
2014-15 (Apr-Oct)	223562	152.71	88702	81.37	312264	132.45

- Quantity sold in North India auction centres is marginally declined by 0.07% with a decline of 2.77% in average price realised.
- Quantity sold in South India auction centres is increased by 1.92% with a decline of 3.42% in average price realised
- Quantity sold in **All India auction** centres is increased by 0.50% with a **decline of 3.10% in average price realised**