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### INDIA TEA OUTLOOK

#### 1. Review of 2014 Tea Season:

- Tea Production in 2014 arrived at 1207.31 M.Kgs., a record achievement for the Indian Tea Industry. Out of the total production, small growers share accounted for 33% (398.04 M.Kgs). It is expected that the small growers play a key role in overall production in the coming years too.
- India's tea exports in 2014 stood at 207.44 M.Kgs., with FOB value of Rs. 4054.02 Crores, (Mill USD 664.26) with unit price realisation at Rs. 195.43 per Kg (USD 3.20)
- India's tea imports in 2014 stood at 20.59 M.Kgs., with CIF value of Rs. 272.63 Crores,(Mill USD 44.67) with unit price of Rs. 132.41 per kg.(USD 2.17)
- Tea auction centres in India sold a quantity of 541.73 M.Kgs., with average auction price of Rs. 126.88 per Kg (USD 2.08)
  - North India auction centres sold a quantity of 395.95 M.Kgs., with average auction price of Rs. 143.07 per Kg, (USD 2.34) while
  - South India auction centres sold a quantity of 145.78 M.Kgs., with average auction price of Rs. 82.89 (USD 1.36) per Kg.
- Apparent domestic consumption during 2014 was 927 M.Kgs.

#### 2. Estimates for 2015 tea season:

- Tea Production Estimates during 2015 stood at 1191.10 M.Kgs., a decline of 16.21 M.Kgs., compared to corresponding period of 2014. It is expected that at the time of finalisation of data, India's tea production in 2015 will be nearer to 1200 M.Kgs., and thereby a marginal decline as compared to 2014.
- Provisional tea Exports during 2015 stood at 217.67 M.Kgs with FOB value of Rs. 4085.93 Crores (Mill USD 637.16), an increase of 10.23 M.Kgs., in quantity and Rs. 31.91 Crores in value over corresponding period. It is expected that the final data on tea exports during 2015 would remain around 225 M.Kgs., which indicates a significant growth as compared to 2014.
- India's tea imports during 2015 stands at 18.61 M.Kgs., with CIF value of Rs. 235.96 crores (Mill USD 36.80). The import quantity is declined in 2015as compared to 2014.

- Tea auction centres in India sold during 2015 a quantity of 561.99 M.Kgs., with average auction price of Rs. 124.48 per Kg (USD 1.94).
  - North India auction centres sold a quantity of 414.63 M.Kgs., with average auction price of Rs. 139.79 per Kg,(USD 2.18) while
  - South India auction centres sold a quantity of 147.36 M.Kgs., with average auction price of Rs. 81.40 (USD 1.27) per Kg.
- Apparent domestic consumption during 2015 was 948 M.Kgs.

**3. Outlook for 2016 tea season:**

It is too early to precise the estimates for 2016, as the production depends on various agro climatic conditions. However, considering the trend over previous years, it is expected that production, exports and import maintain upward trend which are likely as follows:

Production	:	1210 M.Kgs.,
Exports	:	227 M.Kgs
Imports	:	20 M.Kgs.,
Apparent consumption:		974 M.Kgs.