

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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TEA EXPORT TO CHINA  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether China propose to import Darjeeling Tea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantum likely to be exported to that country in the coming two years?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (c): The Indian tea exporters have been in regular touch with the Chinese importers regarding export of Darjeeling tea to China. A Chinese delegation from the tea industry of China visited some Darjeeling tea plantations in April 2005 and held negotiations with the exporters of Darjeeling tea. The actual quantum of export of tea to China cannot be estimated at this stage.