The difference between imports and exports is the measure of Trade Balance, which contributes to Current Account Balance stability of a country. Macro Economic growth and stability of a country has a very close correlation with Current Account Balance of that country. Hence, Government and policy makers keep a close watch on Trade Balance and Current Account Balance.

The table below gives the figures of Exports, Imports and Trade Balance for the last three years as also for April - January of the current year:

(Rs. in crore)

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Year	Exports	Imports	Trade balance
2009-10	845534	1363736	-518202
2010-11	1142922	1683467	-540545
2011-12*	1459281	2344772	-885492
2012-13* (AprJan.)	1305420	2215115	-909695

<sup>\*</sup>Provisional. Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata.

The long term vision of the Government is to make India a major player in world trade, and assume a role of leadership in international trade organizations commensurate with India's growing importance.

An aggressive product promotion strategy for high value items that have a strong manufacturing base is the main focus of the overall growth strategy. The core of the market strategy is to retain presence and market share in traditional markets, move up the value chain in providing export products in the developed country markets; and open up new vistas, both in terms of markets and new products in these new markets.

## India's position in world tea market

†935. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) India's position in the world tea market at present;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the amount and value of Darjeeling tea exported during the current year,

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- (c) whether it is a fact that other private companies are trying to do their business by stealing the trademark of Darjeeling tea; and
- (d) if so, the action taken or contemplated to be taken by Government against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) India is in the 4th position in the world tea market.

- (b) The estimated amount and value of Darjeeling tea exported during 2012-13 (April, 2012 to January, 2013) were 3.5 m. kg. and ₹ 210 crores respectively.
- (c) and (d) The Government has no such information. However, an agency namely Thomson and Reuters has been appointed to monitor and alert the Tea Board regarding any attempt made by any entity to register the Darjeeling word mark and logo mark in any country.

## Global summit at Agra

936. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a global summit was held in Agra recently to discuss the current economic scenario;
  - (b) if so, the details of the summit; and
  - (c) the details of results and achievements from the summit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Partnership Summit 2013 was organized in Agra, Uttar Pradesh from 27-29 January, 2013. The deliberations at the event were held under the overarching theme "Global Partnerships for enduring growth." The event was well attended by ministers, political leaders, business leaders, academicians and multilateral institutions from across the world. Bilateral meetings were held with Trade Ministers on the sidelines of the Summit. Investment opportunities in India were discussed with delegates and captains of Indian industry. The eBiz portal of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion to